

Walk Out

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UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— American diplomats led a walkout at the U.N. General Assembly Thursday as Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad fiercely attacked the United States and major West European nations as "arrogant powers" ruled by greed and eager for military adventurism. The two U.S. diplomats, who specialize in the Middle East, were followed out of the chamber by diplomats from more than 30 countries.

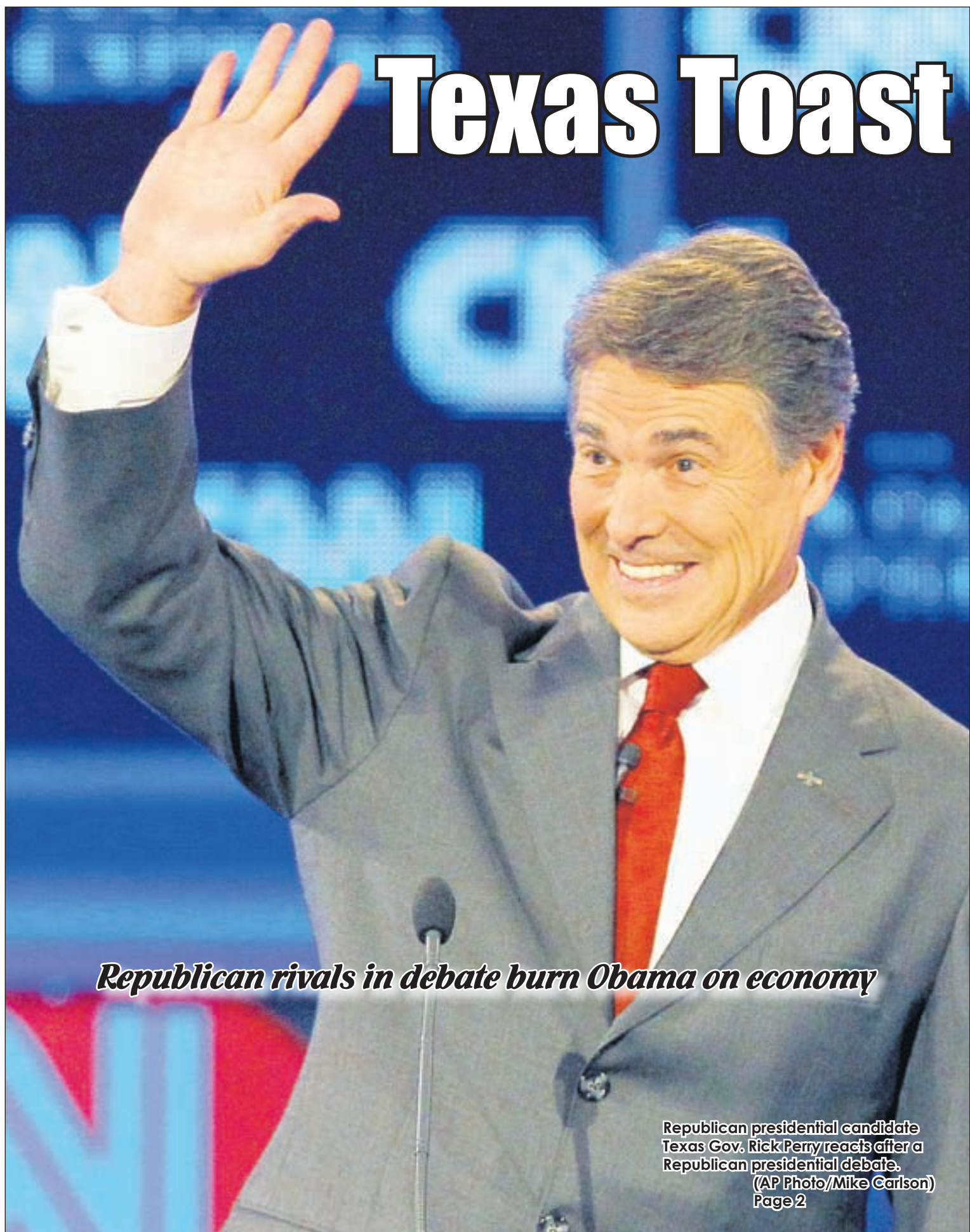


Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

They included the 27 European Union members, Australia, New Zealand, Somalia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino and Macedonia, a U.N. diplomat said. Israel boycotted the speech.

Ahmadinejad's fiery anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli rhetoric has been a staple of the General Assembly's ministerial meetings.

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Republican rivals in debate burn Obama on economy

Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. Rick Perry reacts after a Republican presidential debate.
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Republican rivals in debate burn Obama on economy

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ORLANDO, Florida (AP)

— Republican presidential contenders sharply criticized President Barack Obama's handling of the economy in a campaign

debate Thursday night, calling for tax cuts, elimination of government regulations and other steps to help create jobs in a nation with 9.1 percent unemployment. Texas Gov. Perry has overtaken former Massachu-



Republican presidential candidates former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, shakes hands with Texas Gov. Rick Perry before the start of a Republican debate

(AP Photo/Mike Carlson)

setts Gov. Mitt Romney as the front-runner in the race. Seven other candidates also participated, but the Republican contest has largely turned into


a two-person race with five months to go before the first nominating contests. Perry said his state ranked first in the country five years in the row in attracting busi-

nesses looking to relocate. "Something special happened there ... and we plan to keep it that way," he said.

"The president's party wants to take from some people and give to others. That isn't the way to lift America," said Romney. Five months remain until the first nominating contests, leaving little time for some of the candidates trying to break free of the pack. Their camps descended this week on Florida, a swing state rich with elderly residents who tend to vote in large numbers. A poll released early Thursday indicates Florida Republicans slightly prefer Perry, the front-runner, over Romney in their party's battle to find a nominee to face Obama next year. □



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Americans freed from Iran enjoy reunions

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Associated Press

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — Two

Americans released from an Iranian prison spent their first full day of freedom Thursday in seclusion, enjoying a joyous reunion with their families in the Gulf State of Oman after being held for more than two years accused as spies.

Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer arrived late Wednesday night in Oman under a \$1 million bail-for-freedom deal and were embraced by relatives. "Everybody is really happy to be together right now," Bauer's brother-

-in-law Nate Lindstrom told CBS in an interview. Lindstrom was not in Oman with the families but said he had spoken to his wife, Bauer's sister Nicole, from there on Thursday morning.

He said his wife had not spoken to her brother in two years and was relieved to finally be with him again, enjoying catching up. There was no word on when the two would return to the U.S.

The families were on the tarmac to greet the two when they arrived Wednesday at a royal airfield near the main international airport

in Oman's capital, Muscat. At about 20 minutes before midnight Wednesday, Fattal and Bauer — wearing jeans and casual shirts — bounded down the steps from the blue-and-white plane.

The men appeared very thin and pale, but in good health. "We're so happy we are free," Fattal told reporters in a brief statement before leaving the airport. "Two years in prison is too long," Bauer said, adding he hoped their release from prison will also bring "freedom for political prisoners in America and Iran." □

Obama challenges Boehner, McConnell on home turf

JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Needling his top Republican adversaries on their own turf, President Barack Obama stood in the shadow of an outdated and heavily used Ohio River bridge Thursday and called his rivals out by name to demand action on his \$447 billion jobs bill. Making a point to choose a bridge linking House Speaker John Boehner's home state of Ohio with Kentucky, the home of Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, Obama struck a cheeky tone that underscored the politics of the moment.

"Mr. Boehner, Mr. McConnell, help us rebuild this bridge," he declared. "Help us rebuild America. Help us put construction workers back to work. Pass this bill."

The president's incursion into northern Kentucky and southern Ohio is one of his most direct and defiant challenges to leaders of the opposition party. And it illustrated a desire by the



President Barack Obama delivers remarks at the Brent Spence Bridge, regarding his American Jobs Act Now legislation, Thursday, Sept., 22, 2011, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

president's advisers to distinguish him from Republicans and to get them to share some of the blame for the struggling economy. Rejected as pure politics by Boehner and McConnell, the president's in-your-face approach showed no sign of changing any minds in Congress.

It also was a shift from the

president's outreach to Boehner this summer, when the two men tried to work out a deal that would extend the nation's borrowing authority and cut long-term deficits as well.

Then, the president took Boehner golfing. Now, he's taking him to task.

"Part of the reason I came here is because Mr. Boeh-

ner and Mr. McConnell — those are the two most powerful Republicans in government," Obama said.

"They can either kill this jobs bill, or they can help pass this jobs bills."

Obama said his legislation would put construction workers back to work around the country on projects like the Brent Spence Bridge, but the White House readily conceded that the choice of the ag-

ing span south of Cincinnati was symbolic. The bridge is scheduled to be repaired anyway starting in 2015.

"We have never suggested that ground would be broken on this project immediately," press secretary Jay Carney said on Air Force One en route to Ohio, though he said the president's job bill could speed up that timeline.

By selecting Ohio, Obama also raised his profile in politically important Ohio, a state that he won in 2008 but that George W. Bush also won twice. The Cincinnati Enquirer, however, greeted his visit with a downbeat banner front page headline: "Obama visit won't build new bridge."

McConnell and Boehner, both of whom have supported the bridge project, dismissed the visit as a political ploy. "I would suggest, Mr. President, that you think about ways to actually help the people of Kentucky and Ohio, instead of how you can use their roads and bridges as a backdrop for making a political point," McConnell said on the Senate floor Thursday morning. □

Senate passes worker aid bill

JIM ABRAMS

Associated press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three free trade agreements that have spent years in political limbo could finally be on a path toward congressional action with a Senate vote Thursday to assure that American workers who lose their jobs to foreign competition can get retraining and aid.

As part of a plan carefully orchestrated with the White House, the Senate voted 70-27 to renew expired portions of Trade Adjustment Assistance, a Kennedy-era program that helps those adversely affected by trade with financial support while they learn new job skills.

While the logistics have yet to be worked out, that sets up the White House formally submitting the trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama to Congress for a final vote. House Speaker John Boehner has pledged that he will

take up the TAA worker aid bill in tandem with the three trade treaties.

Boehner, in a statement, said that if Obama submits the trade agreements promptly, "I'm confident that all four bills can be signed into law by mid-October."

The bill, said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, a Democrat, both "addresses our countries most urgent priority, jobs," and will "clear the path to consider and approve our free-trade agreements" with the three countries.

All three deals were signed during the George W. Bush presidency, but the Obama administration sought changes, including winning more access to the South Korean market for U.S. automakers and determining that Colombia was doing more to assure worker rights and end violence against labor organizers.

More recently, with jobs dominating the political

landscape, Obama and Democrats have insisted that the worker aid program be extended as a condition for taking up the free trade pacts. While many Republicans are critical of the TAA program, some agreed to go along so that the trade agreements can finally be completed.

"Both parties in the Senate have acted in good faith to move this process forward," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. "Now it's the president's turn." In a rare instance of concurrence, both Obama and Republicans have made the trade treaties a part of their jobs agenda, saying that once in effect they will increase U.S. exports by some \$13 billion a year and support tens of thousands of jobs.

The Senate vote Thursday extends some benefits that were added to the TAA program as part of the stimulus act but which expired last February. □

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NYPD spy unit targeted ethnicity alone

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NEW YORK (AP) — The

grainy photographs look like they could have come from any undercover police file: A man in jeans talking on his cell phone. Another in a windbreaker walking past patrons at a coffee shop. A car parked outside a grocery store. But the photos were not part of a criminal case. They were snapped as part of secret New York Police Department intelligence program that singled out people and businesses based on their ethnicity. Police documents obtained by The Associated Press show how the city's rich heritage as a place where immigrants can blend in and build their lives now clashes with today's New York, where police see blending in as one of the priorities for would-be terrorists.

The documents describe in extraordinary detail an NYPD program to build a database of daily life, cataloguing where people ate, worked and prayed. It started with one group, Moroccans, but the documents show police intended to build intelligence files on other ethnicities.

Undercover officers photographed restaurants frequented by Moroccans, including one that was noted for serving "religious Muslims."

Police documented where Moroccans bought groceries. While visiting an apartment used by new Moroccan immigrants, one officer noted in his reports that he saw two Qurans and a calendar from a nearby mosque.

"A lot of these locations were innocent," said an official involved in the effort, who, like many interviewed by the AP, spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive police operations. "They just happened to be in the community." It was called the Moroccan Initiative.

The goal, officials said, was a database so complete

that if police ever received a tip about a Moroccan terrorist, they would have the entire community at their fingertips.

Police monitored the path that generations of immigrants followed: getting an apartment, learning English, finding work, assimilating into the culture.

whose administration repeatedly has sidestepped questions about them. It is unclear whether Mayor Michael Bloomberg oversaw the programs.

Asked about the story Thursday, Bloomberg said, "You're just factually wrong," but he did not elaborate. His spokes-

Police were told there was no specific threat to New York from Moroccans, officials said, but they were instructed to gather intelligence because of concerns Moroccan terrorists might strike here, too.

NYPD intelligence chief David Cohen, a former senior CIA officer, oversaw the



In this photo taken Sept. 2, 2011, people walk past immigrant Arab businesses on Steinway Street in the Astoria neighborhood of the Queens borough of New York. The New York Police Department has subjected American citizens to surveillance and scrutiny, not because of any wrongdoing but because of their ethnicity. Documents obtained by The Associated Press describe a secret program known as the Moroccan Initiative, which catalogued where people of Moroccan ancestry shopped, ate and prayed.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Activities such as haircuts and gym workouts were transformed from mundane daily routines into police data points. "In America, you don't put people under suspicion without good reason," said Rep. Rush Holt, a Democrat from New Jersey, who has urged the Justice Department to investigate the NYPD. "The idea that people in a group are suspect because of being members of a group is profiling, plain and simple." The AP previously revealed the NYPD intelligence unit's efforts to map the Muslim community, monitor ethnic neighborhoods and scrutinize mosques. The Moroccan Initiative was one of the division's projects.

Such programs began with help from the CIA under President George W. Bush and have continued with at least the tacit support of President Barack Obama,

man, after being shown the documents, also declined to say what the mayor believed was inaccurate.

NYPD spokesman Paul Browne did not return messages seeking comment about the Moroccan Initiative. In an earlier email, he said police weren't involved in wholesale spying but rather tried to document the likely whereabouts of terrorists.

"The unit's personnel would try to establish, for example, what border crossing a terrorist entering New York would use, what flop house he'd use, what Internet cafe he'd frequent to communicate, etc.," he wrote. Current and former officials said the program started in response to the 2003 bombings that killed 45 people in Casablanca and the 2004 train bombing in Madrid that was linked to Moroccan terrorists.

program, current and former officials said. Many of the documents obtained by the AP were prepared for Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, but it's unclear whether he saw them.

New York City law prohibits police from using race, religion or ethnicity as "the determinative factor" for any law enforcement action. Civil liberties advocates have said that guide is so ambiguous it makes the law unenforceable. The NYPD has said intelligence officers do not use racial profiling or trawl ethnic neighborhoods.

The documents, many of which were marked "secret," include a list of "Moroccan Locations," with photos and notes from plainclothes officers, known as rakers, who quietly kept tabs on ethnic neighborhoods and eavesdropped on conversations. □



Pharmaceutical tycoon Jonah Shacknai and his deceased 32-year-old Myanmar-born girlfriend Rebecca Zahau.

California won't review finding in mansion death

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The state attorney general denied a pharmaceutical tycoon's request to review a finding that his girlfriend killed herself by binding her wrists and ankles and hanging herself naked from a balcony at his historic mansion, according to a letter released Thursday. The office of California Attorney General Kamala Harris said it reviews cases for limited reasons, including allegations of gross misconduct by investigators, a clear conflict of interest or whether a local law enforcement agency lacks resources or requests help.

Jonah Shacknai asked for a review of a San Diego County Sheriff's Department finding that his 32-year-old Myanmar-born girlfriend Rebecca Zahau killed herself two days after his 6-year-old son suffered a fatal fall at his waterfront mansion in Coronado, a wealthy San Diego suburb.

Shacknai, 54, said he had no reason to doubt the finding, but a review might put to rest questions raised by Zahau's family and others.

Sheriff Bill Gore said he understood and supported Shacknai's request and would cooperate if the attorney general launched a review. His office did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Harris' decision. □

Dugard sues feds over failure to monitor abductor

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Associated Press

MENLO PARK, California

(AP) — Jaycee Dugard sued the federal government Thursday for failing to monitor the convicted sex offender who kidnapped her and held her captive for 18 years.

The complaint filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco said the mistakes by federal parole officers in the handling of Phillip Garrido's case are as "outrageous and inexcusable as they are numerous."

Had federal parole officers done their jobs, Dugard's lawyers allege, Dugard and her daughters would not have had to endure their years of captivity in a ramshackle compound tucked

inside Garrido's backyard.

Garrido, who was convicted in 1977 of raping and kidnapping a 25-year-old woman, was on parole and under federal supervision when he kidnapped Dugard in 1991. He fathered Dugard's two children while he and his wife, Nancy, held her captive. The pair was been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to kidnapping and rape charges in the case.

The complaint alleges that the federal government's negligence allowed Garrido to be free to kidnap Dugard. The complaint said federal authorities were aware he was still dangerous yet failed to revoke his parole and send him back to prison.

The complaint lists a number of incidences of alleged misconduct by federal authorities from failing to get Garrido proper mental health treatment to not providing adequate information to state authorities when he was transferred to

their charge.

It says Garrido tested positive for drugs and alcohol while on parole, a violation for a sex offender, but was never punished. It also says authorities ignored reports of sexual misconduct, including a complaint that



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Garrido showed up at his former victim's work and made an "alarming" comment to her.

"Inexplicably, the federal parole authorities responsible for Garrido's direct supervision disregarded the victim's concerns as mere hysteria," the documents say.

After the incident, Garrido's counselor recommended electronic monitoring, but his parole officer disregarded it as "too much of a hassle," according to the complaint.

The documents say authorities went several months without checking on him and visited his residence less than a dozen times in the 10 years they supervised him. □

Alabama executes man who shot, killed store clerk

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Associated Press

ATMORE, Alabama (AP)

— A man described by a police informant as trying to make a name for himself was executed Thursday evening for the 1994 shooting death of an Alabama store clerk during a robbery. Derrick O. Mason, 37, was administered an injection and pronounced dead minutes later at 6:49 p.m. local time (2349 GMT) at Alabama's Holman Prison. It was the third execution this week in the United States. Strapped to the gurney, Mason gave a brief final statement, apologizing to the victim's family. He thanked the victim's father for getting in touch with him years ago and granting him his forgiveness. Just before the chemicals started pumping through the veins in Mason's arm, a prison chaplain held Mason's hand and knelt down and said a prayer before stepping back.

Mason's breathing slowed, his head tilted backward and his lips pursed several times before he became very still. Several minutes later, authorities closed the curtain on the death chamber. During the execution, the condemned man's mother, Maggie Mason, sat in the front row with her

head bowed down. "He's resting for the first time," she said repeatedly. Later she held the hands of some other family members present and said: "He's gone." Mason was convicted of killing 25-year-old Angela Cagle in Huntsville on March 24, 1994, by shooting her twice in the face at close range after ordering her to take her clothes off during an early morning robbery. The victim was found slain in the back room of a convenience store.

An unidentified man later told police that Mason committed the crime. The

informant described the gun used, told police that Mason was "out of control" and "trying to make a name for himself," and then led authorities to Mason's car. Inside, police found a gun later determined to be the murder weapon. After he was arrested, Mason confessed, court records show. Mason's execution capped a busy week in U.S. death chambers. Georgia on Wednesday put Troy Davis to death for the 1989 death of a policeman, despite an international outcry and claims he was innocent. □

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Andy Warhol's art takes stage on US National Mall

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Andy Warhol is known for soup cans and celebrity images, not so much for painting headlines and abstract works.

The late pop artist has left much to be discovered in two shows that open Sunday on the National Mall.

The National Gallery of Art is opening its first Warhol exhibit with "Warhol: Headlines," an examination of his use of news headlines throughout his career. At the same time, the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum will feature "Andy Warhol: Shadows," a 450-foot-long (137-meter-long) installation in the round museum that marks the first time all of Warhol's 102 abstract "shadow" paintings will be shown together as the artist intended.

"This might surprise people," said Hirshhorn curator Evelyn Hankins. "They get two very different sides of Warhol." Besides his obsession with celebrities and iconic images, it turns out Warhol

was a news junkie. At a time when nearly everyone on the New York City subway had a newspaper in hand, Warhol was watching, fascinated by the consumption of news.

"Probably for him, it was like

his own versions of the New York Daily News, the National Enquirer and The Wall Street Journal in the 1950s, mimicking their layouts and tweaking their headlines.

His first painting of a front page, "A Boy for Meg," in

he left out the Post's copyright line. Such work was a precursor to later artists who have been sued for similarly tracing news images.

The piece inspired curator Molly Donovan of the National Gallery of Art to look

in his art and tells us that something as mundane as the daily newspaper can indeed be grand," she said.

Donovan eventually brought together about 80 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculptures and videos from Warhol's career that carry the theme. Forty percent of them have not been shown publicly before.

The works include a commissioned piece from 1981 to commemorate an Italian earthquake. Warhol blew up a newspaper headline reading "Fate Presto," which translates to "Hurry Up," to emphasize the human toll. It is being shown in the U.S. for the first time.

"Headlines" will be on view until January when the exhibit travels to the Museum fur Moderne Kunst in Frankfurt, Germany, followed by the Galleria nazionale d'arte moderna in Rome and The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh.

Another of Warhol's most overlooked pieces, "Flash," is on view in full for the first time, Wrbican said.□



A Person views Andy Warhol's acrylic and silkscreen ink on canvas entitled: "Fate Presto, 1981" during a press preview of an exhibit of Andy Warhol, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

a kid in a candy store," said Matt Wrbican, archivist at The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Warhol's hometown. "He was a news hound."

Soon Warhol was sketching

1962 is a near exact replica of a New York Post page announcing the first-child born of Princess Margaret in Britain. Warhol used a projector to trace the newspaper with his brush, though

closer at Warhol's use of the news.

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Data show county's pain as economy plummeted

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GREENWOOD, S.C. — The Greenwood Mills Matthews Plant once employed three generations of Frances Flaherty's family. Her grandmother, father and brother made textiles there — denim for jeans and khaki for military uniforms.

Â But it all but closed in 2007 when the economy soured, pitching dozens of workers into the ranks of the unemployed, and the plant now functions mainly as a bleak backdrop to Flaherty's restaurant, the Southside Cafe, where diners gaze out at its red brick walls.

"It's what held this town together, all the mills," Flaherty said, watching another thinly attended lunch hour go by. "They just slowly but surely dwindled out."

The falloff of the economy of Greenwood County, a district of almost 70,000 people that once pulsed with busy factories and mills, was the steepest in the country by two counts.

According to an analysis of Census Bureau figures made public Thursday, its poverty rate more than doubled to 24 percent from 2007 to 2010, the largest increase for any county in the nation.

The decline also engulfed the middle class. Median household income plunged by 28 percent over the same period, shaving nearly \$12,000 off the annual earnings of families here during the recession, according to the analysis, by Andrew A. Beveridge, a demographer at Queens College.

The numbers tell the story of a painful decade in Greenwood, which began with



Downtown Greenwood, S.C., Sept. 21, 2011. According to an analysis of census figures, the poverty rate in Greenwood, S.C., more than doubled to 24 percent from 2007 to 2010, the largest increase in the nation.

(Anne McQuary/The New York Times)

poverty levels that were close to the nation's, and ended far above — after layoffs in textile mills, a foundry, restaurants and construction companies

pummeled the county's residents.

The number of workers in manufacturing alone fell by a quarter in the county from 2005 to 2009, accord-

ing to a census survey of employers.

Those new facts are just sharp reminders to people here about what they have lived through.

"There just aren't any jobs in Greenwood anymore," said James Freeman, 58, a former textile mill worker. "My son can't even get a job flipping burgers."

Freeman worked for years in the textile mills, including the Matthews plant. He lost his last mill job in 2007 and was unable to find another. The work at one of the mills that employed him went to Argentina, he said, because the fabric was cheaper to produce there. Those workers were paid less, he was told, and got no benefits.

"That made me feel kind of bad," said Freeman, who now collects disability. The mill's closing "hurt a lot of people here in Greenwood."

Disappointment like Freeman's has welled up in areas of deep economic decline, infusing this election season with a blend of exhaustion and bitterness.

"Until we bring the companies back from overseas and stop protecting the world, we're not going to be anything," said Sam Stevenson, a retired construction worker, who could summon only expletives when asked about President Barack Obama's job plan.

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Afghan president: Rabbani's killer was impostor

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) —

Former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani extended a hand to his assassin and greeted him at his home with the words "Welcome. Welcome."

Rabbani thought his guest was carrying a message of peace from the Taliban. Instead, the man was a suicide attacker.

The attacker bowed his head in respect of the 70-year-old ex-president who headed the Afghan peace council. A split second later, he detonated a bomb hidden inside his turban.

"We heard a boom," said Rahamtullah Wahedyar, a member of the Afghan



Afghan president Hamid Karzai, left, shakes hands with Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

(AP Photo / Ahmad Massoud)

peace council who was in the room where the explosion occurred Tuesday evening in Kabul.

New details that

emerged Thursday showed how carefully the assassins laid the groundwork for the bombing.

Wahedyar told reporters

Thursday that the blast knocked him to the floor. When he regained consciousness, Rabbani and a top peace council official wounded in the attack had already been carried out of the room. The body of the headless suicide attacker still lay on the first floor of Rabbani's house, Wahedyar said. The attackers used an audio recording to trick their way into Rabbani's home. Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who also spoke to reporters Thursday, said that before he left for New York last weekend, one of his advisers, Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, told him that the Taliban had a message for the Afghan peace council.

The president listened to the audio.

Karzai said the voice on the recording spoke respectfully about Rabbani. It also contained "a couple of questions and suggestions" regarding peace, the president said.

Karzai said he spoke on the phone with Rabbani, who was rushing back home from a trip to Iran to meet the alleged Taliban envoy.

"It was not a peace message. It was a trick," a somber Karzai told reporters in a courtyard of the presidential palace. "The messenger was the killer." The assassination, which dealt a severe setback to efforts of negotiating a peace settlement with the Taliban, took just minutes to execute. □

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Pakistan orders detention of prominent militant

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Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) —

The Pakistani government placed a prominent Islamist militant under temporary house detention because of his attempts to stoke conflict between Sunni and Shiite Muslims since his release from prison two months ago, police said Thursday. Malik Ishaq, a founder of the banned Sunni extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, was accused in dozens of killings, including many of minority Shiites, but was released on bail in July after 14 years in prison because

the Supreme Court decided there was not enough evidence to keep holding him. He has been giving public speeches since his release whipping up anger toward Shiites, who make up about 15 percent of the population, said a police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media. The Punjab provincial government on Wednesday ordered that Ishaq remain at home for 10 days, said Sohail Chatta, the police chief in Rahim Yar Khan district where Ishaq lives.

Ishaq's behavior endangered "sectarian harmony and caused a sudden rise in sectarian temperature in the country," said Chatta. His detention came as Amnesty International accused the Pakistani government of not doing enough to protect Shiites in the country from attacks. "For too long the Pakistan government and its security forces have abdicated their responsibility to defend everyone in the society from this deadly form of discrimination," the London-based rights group said in a statement released Wednesday. □



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Delegates walk out as Iran delivers anti-US speech

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Delegates leave the UN General Assembly hall as Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

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Last year, Ahmadinejad provoked a walkout by the U.S., EU, and others when he said a majority of people in the United States and around the world believe the American government staged the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks in an attempt to assure Israel's survival. The provocative comments prompted the U.S. delegation to walk out of Ahmadinejad's U.N. speech, where he also blamed the U.S. as the power behind U.N. Security Council sanctions against Iran for its refusal to halt uranium enrichment, a technology that can be used as fuel for electricity generation or to build nuclear weapons. Ahmadinejad's speech pitted the poverty and unhappiness of most countries against the riches and power of the U.S. and unnamed European nations that he accused of perpetuating wars, causing the current global economic crisis and infringing on "the rights and sovereignty of nations." He attacked the United

States and European colonial powers for abducting tens of millions of Africans and making them slaves, for their readiness "to drop thousands of bombs on other countries," and for dominating the U.N. Security Council. He singled out the U.S. for using a nuclear bomb against Japan in World War II and imposing and supporting military dictatorships and totalitarian regimes in Asia, Africa and Latin America. "It is as lucid as daylight that the same slave masters and colonial powers that once instigated the two world wars have caused widespread misery and disorder with far-reaching effects across the globe since then," Ahmadinejad said.

"Do these arrogant powers really have the competence and ability to run or govern the world?" The Iranian president answered by calling for "the shared and collective management of the world in order to put an end to the present disorders, tyranny and

discriminations worldwide." Last year, he said "the future belongs to Iran" and challenged the U.S. to accept that his country has a major role in the world. Ahmadinejad made no mention of his disputed reelection in June 2009 when security forces systemati-

cally crushed opposition protests, the current internal political turmoil that has sharply diminished his power, or Iran's nuclear program which the U.S. and its allies believe is aimed at producing nuclear weapons. "While President Ahmadinejad is lecturing the

world from the U.N. podium," Human Rights Watch's U.N. Director Philippe Bolo-pion said, "dissent is still being crushed ruthlessly in Iran and basic rights demanded by millions in the Arab world are brutally denied to Iranians who are demanding the same." □



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Gadhafi ex-PM is caught as US Embassy reopens in Libya

KIM GAMEL
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to Libya expressed confidence in the country's new rulers Thursday as the American Embassy reopened in the capital months after it closed down during the fighting to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

Ambassador Gene Cretz acknowledged the North African nation faces many challenges as Gadhafi remains on the run and fighting with his loyalists continues on three fronts.

"The next few months will be critical as Libyans lay the groundwork for a pluralistic democracy that respects the rights of all of its citizens," he said in remarks before the flag was raised in front of his residence in Tripoli, which will serve as the interim embassy.

"The United States and the international community

are ready to help in any way we can."

The ceremony occurred on the same day that Tunisian authorities jailed Libya's ex-prime minister, Al-Baghdadi al-Mahmoudi, on charges of illegal entry after he was

found without a visa as he was trying to flee across the border to Algeria.

Libya's transitional government said it would ask Tunisia to send al-Mahmoudi home to face justice.

Cretz said Gadhafi and his

supporters would eventually be routed, but the National Transitional Council would not wait to move forward with efforts to form a new government.

"It's a question of time before Gadhafi and his remaining loyalists are finished off," he said.

The American Embassy's main compound was attacked and severely damaged by a pro-Gadhafi mob after an airstrike in May.

Embassy staff had already been evacuated as unrest spread after the start of the uprising in mid-February.

For Cretz, it was a personal victory to be back in Libya. The Albany, New York native had left the country for consultations in Washington in January after WikiLeaks posted his opinions of Gadhafi's personal life and habits, such as his love of flamenco dancing and his reliance on a Ukrainian

nurse, in a classified 2009 diplomatic cable.

The ambassador, who returned to the country on Wednesday, said he had been physically threatened because of outrage over the document.

"At that time, I could not imagine that I would be returning to a new, free Libya that is brimming with joy, optimism and newfound freedoms," he said.

Despite the optimism, he expressed concern about the influence of Islamists in the country but said that so far, they had expressed a moderate platform.

Cretz also said the Americans were worried about the proliferation of weapons that were missing from Gadhafi's once vast arsenal. In particular, the U.S. has sought to keep track of Libya's unconventional weapons experts during the civil war. □



A woman suspected of being a Gadhafi loyalist is seen behind bars inside a detention facility in Misrata, Libya, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011. Moammar Gadhafi's former prime minister has been arrested in Tunisia, officials said, as Libya's new rulers and NATO warned the fugitive leader and his loyalists that they are running out of places to hide.

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Radical cleric at a crossroads in Iraq

TIM ARANGO

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BAGHDAD — In a classroom in Sadr City, the bustling neighborhood of the Shiite poor, dozens of men in white shirts and black pants received the most basic of Islamic religious instruction: how to wash before praying.

"After you wash your left hand, you must be sure to avoid any water drops on the right hand," declared the instructor.

The men, once members of the Mahdi Army, the militia of the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, fought the Americans in the first years of the occupation and say they will again if al-Sadr gives the order. But for now they have come to wage a different battle in the ranks of the Mumahidoon, the successor to the Mahdi Army that, besides offering its members lessons in the Quran, organizes soccer teams, provides circumcision for the babies of poor families, picks up trash after religious pilgrimages and teaches computer literacy.

On the eve of what is likely to be a nearly complete withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, one of the great questions is what al-Sadr is going to do. The Mumahidoon is one possible direction.

Created after al-Sadr disbanded the Mahdi Army in 2008, it is a lesser-known spoke of an Islamist movement that, like Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza and in the West Bank, has used political,

military and social arms — with financial support from Iran — to galvanize a Shiite underclass and stake out a prominent role in public life. But al-Sadr also seems to be trying out several other roles, including street provocateur and vocal resister of U.S. influence. The direction he decides on will determine in great part the immediate future of the country as the American military role diminishes.

Al-Sadr was perhaps the most mercurial public figure to emerge in the wake of America's war, and his influence has evolved over several iterations: from street fighter to exiled religious figure to political kingmaker in a triumphant return after last year's parliamentary elections.

"There is a general belief that Sadr is trying to figure



Mumahidoon students receive lessons in the Koran at a high school in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad, July 6, 2011. Created after radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr disbanded the Mahdi Army in 2008, the Mumahidoon is a lesser-known spoke of an Islamist movement that has used political, military and social arms to galvanize a Shiite underclass and stake out a prominent role in public life.

(Joseph Sywenkyj/The New York Times)

out what his next move is and where his organization fits in the future of Iraq," said Col. Douglas Crissman, a U.S. Army commander

who closely follows al-Sadr's activities in the Shiite-dominated south and has noticed fewer recent anti-American messages ema-

nating from local Sadrist offices.

Most believe al-Sadr's overarching goal is to create a state-within-a-state like Hezbollah until he can take power in Iraq.

"There's definitely the desire to be the Iraqi version and model the movement on some of the same things Hezbollah has done in Lebanon," said Marisa Cochrane Sullivan, deputy director at the Institute for the Study of War in Washington.

Sadrist leaders acknowledge the comparison to Hezbollah, but emphasize their movement's local roots. "There are similarities because we are Shia and we resist," said Munhaned al-Gharawi, a top Sadrist official in Baghdad. But "we always say that Hezbollah is different. □

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Longevity research raises hopes, and questions

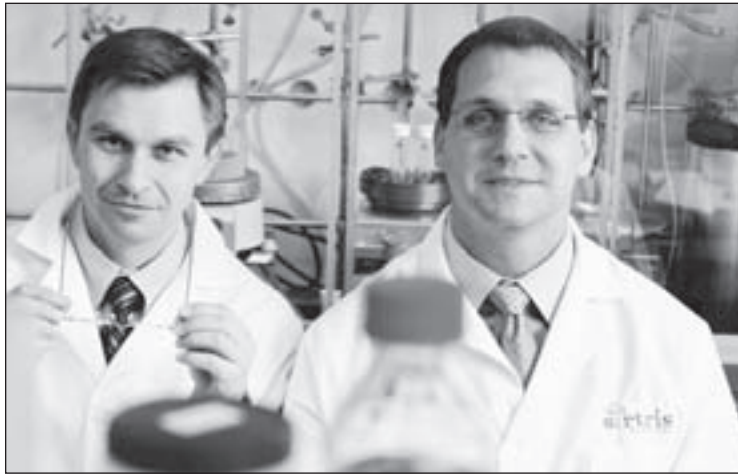
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A trans-Atlantic dispute has formed between two camps of researchers pursuing a gene that could lead to drugs that enhance longevity. British scientists say the longevity gene is "nearing the end of its life," but the Americans whose work is under attack say the approach remains as promising as ever.

The dispute concerns genes that make sirtuins, proteins involved in controlling cells' metabolism. Because of their metabolic role, the sirtuins may mediate the 40-percent-longer life enjoyed by laboratory rats and mice put on a very low-calorie diet.

People cannot keep to such a low-fat diet, but drugs that activate sirtuin would in principle be a painless way for humans to add years of lean and healthy life. This idea took wing when resveratrol, a substance found in trace quantities in red wine, was reported to activate sirtuin. In 2008 GlaxoSmithKline, the pharmaceutical com-



David Sinclair, left, and Christoph Westphal, of Sirtris, a start-up company trying to develop resveratrol-mimicking drugs that activate sirtuins, in Cambridge, Mass. With a flurry of papers over the last decade concerning the effects of proteins known as sirtuins, British and American researchers disagree on how to go about establishing solid science in a relatively new field.

(Robert Spencer/The New York Times)

pany, paid \$720 million for Sirtris, a startup company trying to develop resveratrol-mimicking drugs that activate sirtuins.

Since then, several aspects of the sirtuin story have come under scientific challenge, including doubts as to whether resveratrol's effects are really exercised through sirtuin, and whether the sirtuins are the real or only mediators of the longevity increase linked to a

low-calorie diet.

Despite these concerns, the idea that sirtuins promote longevity appeals to scientists because of experiments that were started in yeast and repeated in two other standard laboratory organisms, the roundworm and the fruit fly.

It is these foundation experiments that have now come under attack by David Gems and Linda Partridge, researchers on aging at University College London. In an article published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, they and colleagues have re-examined experiments in which roundworms and flies, genetically manipulated to produce more sirtuin than normal, were reported to live longer.

Both experiments were flawed, they say, because the worms and flies used as a control were not genetically identical to the test organisms. The London researchers report that they have repeated the experiments with proper controls and found that extra sirtuin does not, after all, make the worms or flies live longer.

The genetic study of aging is a relatively new field

of these traps, the London researchers now write, namely the failure to make sure their test and control animals had the same genetic background in all respects except for the added gene that forced extra production of sirtuins.

In the worm experiment, published by Leonard Guarente of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2001, the strain of worms used had picked



Resveratrol, a substance found in trace quantities in red wine, was reported to activate sirtuin proteins involved in controlling cells' metabolism, which could lead to drugs that enhance longevity.

(Dan Neville/The New York Times)

that has had its fair share of teething problems. In an article in *Nature* four years ago, Gems and Partridge warned of some of the mistakes being commonly made.

"The biology of aging is a young field with emerging pitfalls," they wrote.

The authors of the original worm and fly experiments on the sirtuins fell into one

up an extra mutation which also had the effect of prolonging life, the London researchers report. When the mutated gene is removed, the worms with extra sirtuin do not live longer, they said. Guarente said he did not agree with the thrust of this criticism. The 2001 experiment was done with the best techniques then available, he said. □

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ondary education.

Singing career

Tañón's singing career began when she joined a group called "Las Nenas de Ringo y Jossie" (Ringo and Jossie's Girls) in the 1980s. A short time later a very popular group in Puerto Rico called "Chantelle" noticed her mezzo soprano voice and recruited her. They saw in her what they needed for their merengue style of music. When Tañón was a member of Chantelle, they scored their biggest hit, "Aunque Tú no Quieras" (Even If You Don't Want It). The song was popular in Latin America.

1990s

In 1992, Tañón signed a contract with the WEA Latina record label to record a solo



written to the rhythm of Salsa and also included the Unforgettable Merengue song, "Es Mentiroso" (He's a Liar). Tañón had gained fame and recognition throughout Latin America.

Tañón recorded a Tex-Mex CD with Mexican singer Marco Antonio Solís called "Nuevos Senderos".

She was now being heard internationally, and with that recording she became the first Puerto Rican musician to be certified by the RIAA to sell over half a million records. The album lead single, the ballad, "Basta Ya!" topped the U.S. Billboard Top Latin Tracks for several weeks, and became Tañón's first #1.

In 1997, Tañón debuted as an actress in the Puerto Rican version of the popular production of "Jesus Christ Superstar", produced by Rafo Muñiz. She played the part of Mary Magdalene. This version had a tropical feel to it and included some of Tañón's songs. In 1998, Tañón married Juan González a Puerto Rican major league baseball star. In 1999, the marriage ended in divorce. The couple had a daughter, Gabriella Marie.

Gilberto Santa Rosa also known as "El Caballero de la Salsa" (The Gentleman

of Salsa), is a Puerto Rican bandleader and singer of salsa and bolero.

Early years

Santa Rosa was born in Carolina, Puerto Rico, a city on the north eastern part of the Island. Here he received his primary and secondary education and became interested in music. He took part in his first concert while a teenager and in 1976, he made his recording debut as a backup singer with the Mario Ortiz Orchestra; soon afterwards he was recruited by La Grande Orchestra, where he became the lead singer.

He remained with the orchestra for two years, during which time he met Elias Lopes who helped to mold and polish him as a singer.

Singing career

During the 1980s, he recorded "Homenaje a Eddie Palmieri" (Tribute to Eddie Palmieri) with the Puerto Rican All Stars. He also recorded with various orchestras, amongst them the Tommy Olivencia Orchestra, the Willie Rosario orchestra and El Gran Combo. Santa Rosa developed a unique style of "soneo" (improvisation) in salsa that permitted him to be successful in both the "tropical" and "romantic"

styles of the music.

In 1986, Santa Rosa formed his own band and signed with Combo Records; a string of hits followed, such as "Good Vibration", "De Amor y Salsa" (Of Love and Salsa), "Punto de Vista" (Point of View), "Vivir Sin Ella" (Living without Her) and "Perspectiva".

Santa Rosa was also the first singer of tropical salsa to carry out a concert at the Carnegie Hall Theater, in New York, where he performed as the opening number, his unique version of the salsa tune, "Represento" (I Represent), composed by Lou Briel. This event was recorded live at the hall, and later released as an album. A highlight of the night was the four-minute unscripted addition he made to his song "Perdoname" (Forgive Me), which solidified his improvisational talent.

This live version became such a sensation thereafter that Santa Rosa had to memorize his own improvised lines for future concerts, and Perdoname became the closing song to his shows.

In 1990, Santa Rosa joined the all star "La Puertorriqueña" project which included Andy Montañez; in the same year he was awarded the Billboard Lo Nuestro Award for Best Male Singer. He also participated in the play "La Pareja Dispareja" (The Odd Couple) alongside Luis Vigoreaux and Rafo Muñiz. In 1995, Santa Rosa traveled to Japan as Puerto Rico's Good Will Ambassador, where he sang "De Cara al Viento" (Facing the Wind) in Japanese. In 1996, the greatest hits album "Caballero de la Salsa, Vol 2" was released and he also participated in the First "Festival Presidente" in the Dominican Republic (a Latin music festival sponsored by local Presidente beer). In 1997, he sang with Andy Montañez in New York's Lincoln Center and later that year, with Olga Tañón at the Universal Studios Amphitheater in Hollywood, California. □



album. Her first recorded album was titled, "Sola" (Alone). Among the songs in the album were, "Me Cambio por Ella" (I'll Trade Myself For Her), and "Quiero estar Contigo" (I Want To Be With You). In 1993, she recorded her second album for WEA Latina, "Mujer de Fuego" (Woman of Fire). Tañón also debuted as a composer

with the song, "Presencíé tu Amor" (I Witnessed Your Love).[1]

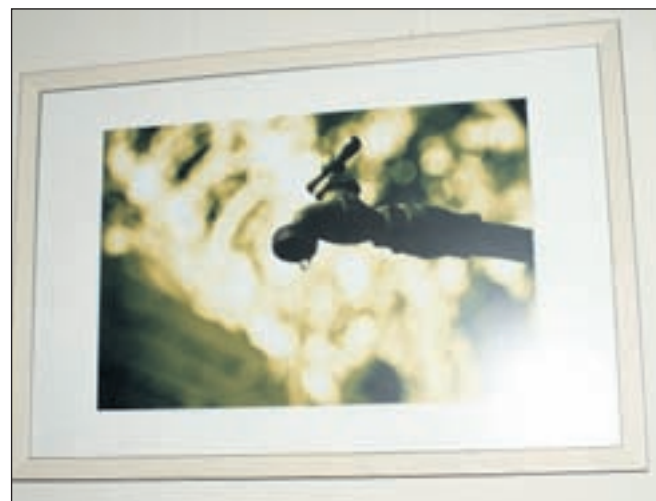
In 1994, Tañón earned her first double platinum record and in 1995, she earned three more platinum records with her album, "Siente el Amor" (Feel the Love). This album also included another of her compositions, "Unicornio" (Unicorn), which was

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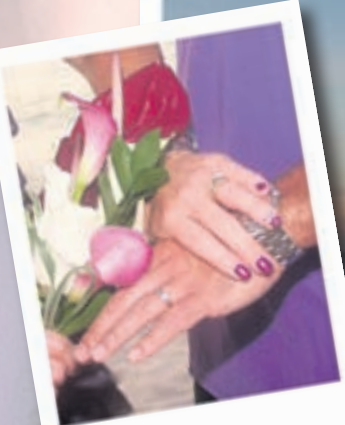
this year, themed around four ancient astrological elements, namely water, air, fire, and earth, beginning with Water also symbolized by the beautiful, blue living-statue blowing bubbles in the lobby. Among artist showing in the current show, spread over the lobby two floors: Charito Chaves, Timothy Croes, Frank Croes, Sherry Douglass, Laureen Eman, Dwayne Heronimo, Edmond Tujeehut, Elvis Tromp, Adolfo Valbuena, Belinda De Veer, Alonso De Windt & Michelle Wever. □



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EAGLE BEACH - Tiffany & Steve Rigatuso got married 10 years exactly 10 years ago, yesterday. For their renewal of vows they wanted to do things differently. The lovely couple chose a beautiful sunset as backdrop, the tropical breeze and to their bare feet on the white cool sands of the world famous Eagle Beach. They were joined by Joe & Denise Fuller, married for 15 years together with their children Kevin, Courtney and Corey. Love was definitely in the air Thursday evening during the small and intimate ceremony followed by the many congratulatory wishes. □



Tiffany and Steve Rigatuso, left and Denise and Joe Fuller, right



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2 games, 2 wins, 2 clinches for Yankees

New York Yankees' Robinson Cano, right celebrates with teammates after the Yankees clinched the AL East title with a 4-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in the second game of a baseball doubleheader Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in New York.

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San Jose Earthquakes goal-keeper Jon Busch makes a save in the second half against the Portland Timbers during an MLS soccer game Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in Portland, Ore. The Earthquakes and the Timbers tied 1-1.

Associated Press

Real Salt Lake topples Red Bulls 3-1

HARRISON, New Jersey (AP) — Fabian Espindola scored twice in the first half to lead Real Salt Lake past the New York Red Bulls 3-1 in Major League Soccer on Wednesday.

Alvaro Saborio opened the scoring for Salt Lake in the 7th minute before Espindola extended the lead in the 11th and 21st minutes.

Joel Lindpere scored the lone goal for New York in the 69th minute.

The win marked Real Salt Lake's fifth straight and moved it into a share of second-place with Seattle in the Western Conference. In other matches, Juan Pablo Angel scored twice to lift Chivas USA to a 2-2 draw with D.C. United, while Khari Stephenson's goal in the 70th minute allowed the San Jose Earthquakes to salvage a 1-1 draw with the Portland Timbers.

Angel scored in the 57th and 70th minutes for Chivas to end Chivas USA's four-match losing streak. □

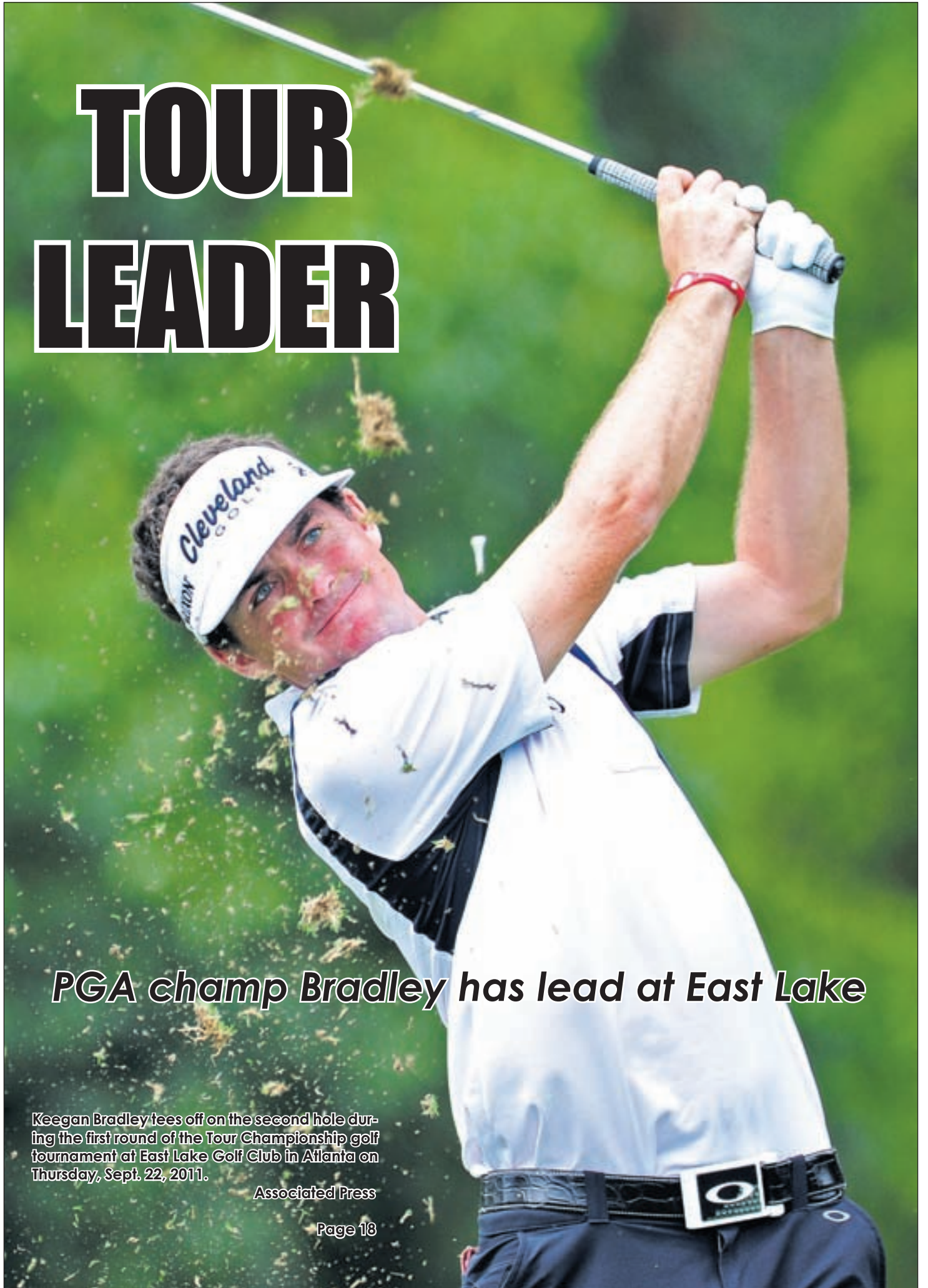
TOUR LEADER

PGA champ Bradley has lead at East Lake

Keegan Bradley tees off on the second hole during the first round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

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PGA champ Bradley takes lead in Tour Championship

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Keegan Bradley and Jason Dufner atop the leaderboard in Atlanta should sound familiar.

Only this was the FedEx Cup finale, not the final major of the year.

And they were on East Lake, not 40 minutes up the road at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Bradley, who won the PGA Championship last month in a playoff over Dufner, ran off four birdies on the back nine Thursday for a 6-under 64 to build a two-shot lead in the Tour Championship.

Dufner was surprisingly crooked off the tee, yet still managed a 66 and was tied for second along with Chez Reavie and Luke Donald, the No. 1 player in the world and one of five players in prime position to win the \$10 million FedEx Cup bonus.

Bradley and Dufner will be in the last group Friday, and it was impossible to ig-



Keegan Bradley lines up his putt on the 18th green during the first round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

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nore the coincidence.

"Yeah, I don't think there's any big surprise," Bradley said. "He likes this grass, too. He likes these courses, and I hope I get to play with him tomorrow. I think that would be a lot of fun." It would bring back great memories for Bradley, a

26-year-old rookie. Not so much for Dufner, who had a four-shot lead with three holes to play until he made three straight bogeys and wound up losing in a three-hole playoff.

"Maybe he's having some of the same feelings—very comfortable on this type

of golf course ... with the conditions maybe a little more severe at Atlanta Athletic Club off the tee," Dufner said. "But he's having a good day. Hopefully, we'll be paired tomorrow. That will be a little interesting, I guess. Maybe some thoughts here or there will

come back and forth."

The Tour Championship is more about memories, however.

Along with this being the end of the FedEx Cup, there's another cup on Bradley's mind. He is not a lock to be a captain's pick for the Presidents Cup, despite having won twice this year, including a major. U.S. captain Fred Couples has said he would consider the Tour Championship as one last audition.

Bradley could not have asked for a better start.

He holed a bunker shot from across the green on his second hole to fire up the fans, most of whom now know his name. After a sloppy three-putt bogey on the eighth, he hammered a 3-wood from 281 yards that rolled past the hole at No. 9 and set up a two-putt birdie, then really put it together on the back nine.

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U.S. favorite to win 4th straight Solheim Cup

BRIAN KEOGH

Associated Press

DUNSANY, Ireland (AP) — According to the world rankings, this weekend's Solheim Cup should be another rout for the Americans.

According to European captain Alison Nicholas, things aren't quite that simple.

While the United States has seven players ranked in the top 20 compared to just one for Europe — second-ranked Suzann Pettersen — there is another statistic that could speak in the host's favor. The European players have won 12 tournaments between them this year, while the Americans only have three victories.

That's one of the reasons Nicholas is hopeful of preventing a fourth straight victory for the U.S.

"We've got great strength in depth and it's a very strong European team," said Nicholas, who also captained Europe in its



U.S. Solheim Cup player Michelle Wie fixes her bandana with caddie Brendan Woolley during a practice round at Killeen Castle, Dunsany, Ireland, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

Associated Press

loss in Sugar Grove, Illinois in 2009. "But I would never underestimate the Americans, because on paper in the world rankings, we are the underdogs slightly."

The U.S. leads the biennial match play series 9-3, and won the last two events by four-point margins. But U.S. captain Rosie Jones expects a much closer contest when play gets under way at the Jack Nicklaus-designed Killeen Castle

course on Friday morning. "We haven't come here looking at rankings on paper," Jones said. "We definitely know this is going to be a hard fight."

Europe has probably one of the strongest teams they've had in a long time. We have a lot of respect for that. I have a lot of respect for Ali, and how she can captain the team, and expect our players to fight very hard to get another

win."

And the Europeans are arguably in better form. Eight members of the team have won tournaments this year, and four of the victories came on the LPGA Tour, where Pettersen has two titles while Germany's Sandra Gal and Sweden's Maria Hjorth have one each. In contrast, only two Americans have won a trophy this year.

Brittany Lincicome has won twice on the LPGA Tour and Stacy Lewis captured her first major title at the Kraft Nabisco Championship in April.

Nicholas does have five rookies on her team, but is more experienced herself after learning valuable lessons during her captaincy two years ago.

"The five rookies all have LPGA experience and I think it helps that this is my second time as captain," Nicholas said. "I've got last time in the bank and there are a few small things that I can change. It was very

close two years ago, we just didn't hole enough putts. If we can play the same this week and get a little bit of luck then we can definitely win."

One of the keys to the Americans' recent dominance in the series has been their success in the singles matches, but England's Karen Stupples said the Europeans are better equipped to compete in that format this year.

"I think traditionally in the past the top players have had to have had a lot of pressure, because they know that their points are big," Stupples said.

"But this year we're all playing fairly well. I think we have a better chance together as a team, so there's not that same kind of pressure. I think we're going to do just fine."

The teams will play for 28 points over three days, with eight foursomes and fourballs on both Friday and Saturday, and 12 singles matches on Sunday. □

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He had a pair of short birdie putts, along with a two-putt birdie on the 15th and was feeling the good vibes from a month ago.

He is a long shot to win the FedEx Cup — especially with Donald playing well — but the Presidents Cup is right in front of him, and Bradley feels it.

"The cliché is to say that I'm not thinking about it, but literally probably every third hole — or maybe even less — it pops into my mind," Bradley said. "I really want to be on the team, but I want to earn my way onto the team, just like I'm going to have to. If the captain and assistant captains think I've done enough to get on the team, they're going to pick me.

"And if they don't, that's totally fair, too."

The conditions at East Lake were relatively tame until the final hour, when

sprinkles turned to rain and even halted play with the final two groups not finished. Donald returned to play the 18th in a driving rain, and did well to escape with par from the bunker on the par-3 closing hole.

Charles Howell III, who appearance at East Lake guarantees another trip back to Georgia in April for the Masters in his hometown, was at 67 along with Adam Scott, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day and Matt Kuchar.

The group at 68 included another batch of Presidents Cup hopefuls, from Aaron Baddeley on the International team to Bill Haas and Brandt Snedeker on the American side.

Phil Mickelson also shot a 68 and is on Bradley's side — not because he wants him as a captain's pick, but because they appear to share an affinity for golf in Georgia. Mickelson has won the Tour Championship twice at East Lake,

along with three Masters and three regular PGA Tour stops in the Atlanta area.

Webb Simpson, No. 1 in the FedEx Cup, bogeyed the last hole for a 69. Of the top five players in the FedEx Cup — all of whom only need to win to collect the \$10 million — Dustin Johnson (No. 2) was the only player not to break par. He shot 70.

Luke Donald said he was thinking more about the silver FedEx Cup than the crystal Tour Championship trophy when he arrived at East Lake "because that's what everyone is talking about."

He also got off to a good start, important to him because he opened with a 75 last week at Cog Hill and took himself out of the tournament. Donald still managed to finish fourth.

"I wanted to get off to a faster start, put myself in better position, and I'm glad I did that," Donald said. □



Jason Dufner hits from the fairway bunker on the third hole during the first round of the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

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Posada's 2-run single gives Yankees AL East crown

AL Roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — Jorge Posada came off the bench and helped the Yankees to yet another first-place finish with a go-ahead single in the eighth inning as New York swept the Tampa Bay Rays by identical 4-2 scores in a day-night doubleheader Wednesday to win the American League East. Accomplishing most of their regular-season goals with a week to spare, the Yankees earned their 16th playoff berth in 17 seasons by winning the day game behind Robinson Cano's tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth.

For the Rays, it was a damaging day as they missed a chance to move up on Boston in the AL wild-card race. The Red Sox lost to Baltimore 6-4, but still extended their lead over Tampa Bay to 2½ games. The Los Angeles Angels also are 2½ games behind.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 4

At Boston, the Red Sox blew another late lead and lost for the 14th time in 18 games, booed by fans at Fenway Park after Vladimir Guerrero and Baltimore rallied. Despite the loss Boston's lead over Tampa Bay for the AL wild-card spot increased to 2½ games. The Rays were swept by the New York Yankees in a day-night doubleheader. Ace Josh Beckett took



New York Yankees' Jorge Posada follows through on a two-run single during the eighth inning of the second game of a baseball doubleheader against the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in New York.

Associated Press

the mound, hoping to put some distance between Boston and the Rays.

Beckett (13-6) allowed just one hit through five innings as the Red Sox built a 4-1 lead. But Beckett allowed a run in the sixth and two more in the seventh on Mark Reynolds' second homer that leveled the game.

Mariners 5, Twins 4

At Minneapolis, Ichiro Suzuki stopped Kevin Slowey's no-hitter with a two-out infield single in the sixth inning and added an RBI double in the seventh, spurring Seattle to a victory in Minnesota, the 11th straight defeat for the Twins.

This is the third-longest los-

ing streak in Minnesota's 51-season history, behind a 14-game skid in 1982 and 13 in a row in 1961, the first year here after the franchise moved from Washington. The Twins (59-95) need two more wins to top their worst finish in Minnesota, 60-102 in 1982.

Brandon League, who escaped a ninth-inning, no-out, bases-loaded situation to preserve the win the night before, gave up a two-out RBI single to Trevor Plouffe before retiring Brian Dinkelman on a roller in front of the plate with two runners on.

White Sox 8, Indians 4

At Cleveland, Mark Buehrle bounced back from a poor

outing and pitched six effective innings to lead Chicago past Cleveland.

Buehrle (12-9) gave up two runs and four hits. He had gone 0-3 with an 11.74 ERA in three previous September starts, allowing 33 hits in only 15 1-3 innings.

Buehrle's skid included a career-worst 15 hits in 6 1-3 innings in a 7-2 loss to Kansas City last Thursday. The left-hander left that start after being hit in the left arm by a line drive off the bat of Alcides Escobar.

Alejandro De Aza hit a tie-breaking, two-run single off Ubaldo Jimenez (4-3) in a three-run seventh. Chicago added four runs on three homers off reliever Chad Durbin in the eighth.

Angels 7, Blue Jays 2

At Toronto, Dan Haren's outing ended after he was hit by a line drive on the final out of the eighth inning, and Peter Bourjos and Vernon Wells homered as Los Angeles beat Toronto. Haren (16-9) was struck on the inside of the left wrist, his non-throwing arm, by Eric Thames' liner.

The ball caromed to Maicer Izturis at second base, who threw to first for the third out as Haren fell to the ground in pain. He was able to walk off but headed straight down the tunnel to the clubhouse.

The Angels pulled within 2 1/2 games of the AL wild card-leading Boston Red Sox, who lost to Baltimore

moments after Los Angeles wrapped up its win.

Tigers 6, Royals 3

At Kansas City, Missouri, Miguel Cabrera drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and Don Kelly added a two-run homer as Detroit beat Kansas City.

Victor Martinez added three RBIs for Detroit. Doug Fister (10-13) yielded two hits over three shutout innings of relief, and Jose Valverde pitched the ninth to remain perfect in 47 save chances.

The Tigers trailed 3-2 in the seventh when Martinez delivered a two-out RBI single off Royals reliever Aaron Crow. The game remained tied until the eighth, when reliever Kelvin Herrera (0-1) made his big league debut and promptly plunked Ryan Raburn, the first Detroit batter he faced.

Cabrera came through with his double moments later to give the Tigers the lead, and Kelly added his two-run homer with two outs in the inning to give their bullpen some breathing room.

In other AL games it was N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 21st game; Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 4; N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2nd game; L.A. Angels 7, Toronto 2; Baltimore 6, Boston 4; Detroit 6, Kansas City 3; Seattle 5, Minnesota 4; and Texas 3, Oakland 2. □

AP source: No winter ball for Manny Ramirez

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A person familiar with the situation says Manny Ramirez will not be allowed to play winter ball in the Dominican Republic because he neither served a suspension nor contested it following a positive drug test this year. The Cibao Eagles, a Dominican winter league team Ramirez played with in 1993-94, said this week he was expected to start training with the club. Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball



Players Association, however, have concluded Ramirez is ineligible, the person told The Associated Press on Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity because management and the union did not announce that publicly.

This June 9, 2010 file photo shows Los Angeles Dodgers Manny Ramirez hitting a two-run home run as St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina and home plate umpire Kerwin Danley look on during the first inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Then with Tampa Bay, Ramirez told MLB in April he would retire rather than face a 100-game suspension for a second positive drug test.

Ramirez served a 50-game ban in 2009 after a positive test for human chorionic gonadotropin, a banned female fertility drug often used to help mask steroid use.

MLB's Winter League Agreement gives it the power to block Ramirez. The league's stance first was reported by ESPN.com. □

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Diamondbacks cut magic No. to 2 with 8-5 win

NL Roundup

PHOENIX (AP) — Miguel Montero had a two-run homer among his three hits as the Arizona Diamondbacks jumped on the Pittsburgh Pirates early in an 8-5 win Wednesday that cut their magic number for clinching the National League West to two.

A day after stranding 11 runners in a loss to Pittsburgh, the Diamondbacks put pressure on the Pirates from the start, setting a team record with four stolen bases while scoring three runs off Russ Ohlendorf (1-3) in the first inning.

Arizona added five more runs in the third inning with two-run hits by Aaron Hill and Ryan Roberts, giving Wade Miley (4-2) more than enough run support.

Derrek Lee homered and drove in two runs, and Ryan Ludwick added a solo shot for Pittsburgh, which has lost 10 of 14.

Cardinals 6, Mets 5

At St. Louis, David Freese drove in five runs with a triple and a three-run homer as St. Louis beat New York. The Cardinals have won four straight and 12 of 14 to move within 1½ games of Atlanta in the National League wild-card race. St. Louis, a season-high 17 over .500 (86-69), has seven games left and will go for a sweep of the Mets on Thursday.

The Mets fell to 73-82, ensuring the third straight losing

season for the big-spending ballclub that has been plagued by injuries and off-field financial woes.

Marlins 4, Braves 0

At Miami, Javier Vazquez allowed only two hits in seven innings Wednesday against his former team as Florida played the spoiler's role by beating Atlanta.

The Braves, who lost for the 13th time in their past 20 games, saw their lead over the St. Louis Cardinals in the NL wild-card race fall to 1½ games. The Cardinals were 10½ games back on Aug. 25.

For the third start in a row, Vazquez (12-11) did not allow a run. He extended his streak of scoreless innings to 25, a Marlins record for a starter.

Leo Nunez walked two in the ninth before retiring Heyward to complete a two-hitter. It was the ninth time the Braves have been shut out.

Cubs 7, Brewers 1

At Chicago, Matt Garza pitched a six-hitter and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run homer as Chicago prolonged Milwaukee's drive to clinch the NL Central, beating the Brewers in the final game at Wrigley Field this season.

The Brewers' magic number for winning the division title and closing out St. Louis remained at three. The Cardinals played the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

Garza (9-10) allowed just an unearned run and

In other NL games it was San Francisco 8, L.A. Dodgers 5; Washington 7, Philadelphia 5; San Diego 4, Colorado 0; Cincinnati 2, Houston 0; Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 1; St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 5; Florida 4, Atlanta 0; and Arizona 8, Pittsburgh 5. □



Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Wade Miley throws to a Pittsburgh Pirates batter during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

Big 12 Commissioner Beebe out



his June 4, 2010, file photo shows Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe listening to a reporter's question during a news conference following Big 12 Conference meetings, in Kansas City, Mo.

Associated Press

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe is out after the conference nearly collapsed for the second time in just over a year.

In a statement, the Big 12 said its board of directors and Beebe reached a "mutual agreement" for Beebe to leave the job immediately.

Former Big Eight Commissioner Chuck Neinas told The Associated Press earlier Thursday that he had been contacted about serving as interim commissioner. Big 12 school presidents were meeting Thursday by telephone to discuss Beebe and stabilizing the fractured league. Texas A&M announced earlier this month it will leave in 2012 to seek mem-

bership in the Southeastern Conference. And Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas Tech were considering a potential move from the Big 12 to the Pac-12 until it announced Tuesday that it would not expand.

"I put all my effort into doing what was best for the Big 12. With great fondness, I wish the Big 12 Conference a long and prosperous future," Beebe said in a statement released by the Big 12.

The 54-year-old Beebe, who was in his fifth year as the leader of the Big 12, became an easy target for schools upset about instability in the league.

Critic portrayed him as constantly being outmaneuvered by other league commissioners who were picking off his teams one by one and as someone beholden to Texas, the Big 12's biggest and wealthiest member.

Last fall, Beebe was granted a three-year extension on his contract through 2015. □

Scores got sick, 1 died trying to kill bedbugs



In this Wednesday, March 30, 2011 file photo, a bed bug is displayed at the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History in Washington.

Associated Press

By **MIKE STOBBE**
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Bedbugs don't make you sick. But the poisons used to kill them can. A government study released Thursday found that dozens of Americans have fallen ill from the insecticides, and a North

Carolina woman died after using 18 cans of chemical fogger to attack the tiny blood suckers. Because many of the cases, including the lone death, were do-it-yourselfers who misused the chemicals or applied the wrong product, federal health officials are

warning consumers to be careful and urging them to call professionals. The report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted 80 illnesses and one death linked to the insecticides over three years. Most of the cases were in New York City, the apparent epicenter of a recent U.S. bedbug comeback.

The CDC was able to get data from 12 states, and only seven had reports of such illnesses. One was New York, where bedbugs have become a highly publicized problem and where health officials have also been extra vigilant about reporting unusual chemical poisonings. Investigators were relieved to find a relatively small number of cases.

"At this point, it's not a major public health problem," said Dr. Geoff Calvert, a CDC investigator who co-

authored the study.

Bedbugs are wingless, reddish-brown insects that bite people and animals to draw blood for their meals. Though their bites can cause itching and welts, they are not known to spread disease.

"There's nothing inherently dangerous about bedbugs," said Dr. Susi Vassallo, an emergency medicine doctor who works at New York City's Bellevue Hospital Center and occasionally treats patients who report bedbug problems.

But the insects are a major hassle. In recent national surveys of exterminators, bedbugs were named the toughest pest to get rid of. They can hide for months, only come out at night and can be hard to spot with the human eye.

They are also creepy, provoking intense fear in the minds of many people unnerved by the threat that an almost invisible insect could emerge at night to drink their blood.

"Sometimes people get hysterical," said Theresa Braine, a New York City journalist who lived with bedbugs in her apartment for a year and now writes a weekly Internet column about the pests.

The CDC study was first to look at the dangers of bedbug insecticides. Researchers reviewed reports from California, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Texas and Washington.

They counted 111 cases from 2003 through 2010. Most occurred in the last few years, when bedbug reports rose across the country. More than half were in New York City.

People suffered headaches, dizziness, breathing problems and nausea and vomiting. More than 80 percent of the illnesses were considered mild. The one death was a 65-year-old woman from Rocky Mount, N.C., who had a history of heart trouble and other ailments. In 2010, she and her husband used nine cans of insecticide fogger one day, then the same amount two days later, without opening doors and windows to air out their home afterward. She also covered her body and hair with another bedbug product, and covered her hair with a plastic shower cap.

Two other illnesses were carpet cleaners who had not been told the apartment had recently been treated with pesticides. □

U.S. phases out inhaler due to environmental impact

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asthma patients who rely on over-the-counter inhalers will need to switch to prescription-only alternatives as part of the U.S. government's latest attempt to protect the Earth's atmo-

sphere.

The Food and Drug Administration said Thursday patients who use the epinephrine inhalers will need to switch by Dec. 31 to other types that do not contain chlorofluorocarbons, an aerosol substance once found in a variety of spray

products.

The action is part of an agreement signed by the U.S. and other nations to stop using substances that deplete the ozone layer, a region in the atmosphere that helps block harmful ultraviolet rays from the Sun. But the switch to a greener inhaler will cost consumers more. Epinephrine inhalers are available via online retailers for around \$20, whereas the alternatives, which contain the drug albuterol, range from \$30 to \$60. The FDA finalized plans to phase out the products in 2008 and currently only Armstrong Pharmaceutical's Primatene mist is available in the U.S. Other manufacturers have switched to an environmentally-friendly propellant called hydrofluoroalkane. Both types of inhalers offer quick-relief to symptoms like shortness of breath and chest tightness, but the environmentally-friendly inhalers are only available via prescription. □

More doubt on virus, chronic fatigue connection

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is more evidence that a virus once thought to be linked to chronic fatigue syndrome was a false alarm. A U.S. study released Thursday concluded lab tests used to make that link are unreliable.

Also Thursday, the journal Science said researchers were withdrawing part of the original study that suggested the connection — although not its conclusions — because a laboratory that contributed to the work discovered contamination in some of its samples.

In 2009, researchers in the state of Nevada announced they had found a mouse-related virus named XMRV in the blood of chronic fatigue patients, fueling hopes that a cause of the mysterious illness might have been found. Blood banks began turning away donations from people diagnosed with chronic fatigue. Yet numerous other studies failed to confirm the findings. Last spring, Science declared any link "seriously in question" as genetic tracing suggested it was the result of laboratory contamination.

The newest study, also reported in Science, was part of government efforts to see if XMRV or related viruses might affect the safety of the blood supply. It concluded there's no reason to worry. □

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GE, GM in push on EV infrastructure for China

SHANGHAI (AP) — General Electric and General Motors Co. agreed Thursday on a pilot installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Shanghai, the latest step in the automaker's plan to develop infrastructure in China to support sales of its Chevrolet Volt electric car. As part of the agreement, GE also agreed to buy the extended range electric

cars for use at its corporate campus in Shanghai. GM plans to launch the Volt in December in China, where it has made electric vehicles a core part of its strategy for expansion despite doubts Chinese consumers will snap up such cars. The companies gave no details about investment in the charging stations, which will include both GE's

WattStations and Durastations, two different specifications for charging electric vehicles. China is a linchpin market for GM. Earlier this week it announced plans for developing a new electric vehicle with its local partner Shanghai Automotive Industrial Corp. It also has just opened an advanced technology center



A man peeps into the Chevrolet Volt hybrid electric car on display at the opening ceremony of the GM China Advanced Technical Center-Phase 1 in Shanghai, China, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011.

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Facebook redesigns profiles Adds 'timeline'



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg talks about Timeline during the f/8 conference in San Francisco, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook is dramatically redesigning its users' profile pages to create what CEO Mark Zuckerberg says is a "new way to express who you are."

Zuckerberg introduced the Facebook "timeline" Thursday in San Francisco at the company's f8 conference for some 2,000 entrepre-

neurs, developers and journalists. The event is also being broadcast to more than 100,000 online viewers.

The timeline is reminiscent of an online scrapbook, with the most important photos and text that users have shared on Facebook over the years. It's Facebook's attempt at growing from an online hangout to a homestead, where people express their real selves and merge their online and offline lives. The timeline can go back to include years before Facebook even existed, so users can add photos and events from, say 1995 when they got married or 1970 when they were born.

Zuckerberg took the stage after a humorous skit, in which actor Andy Samberg

impersonated him. The real Mark Zuckerberg looked considerably more playful and at ease than he has in past events, suggesting he is growing into his role as the public face of Facebook.

But he quickly got down to business as he introduced the timeline as "the story of your life — all your stories, all your apps and a new way to express who you are."

Expanding on its ubiquitous "like" buttons, Zuckerberg said Facebook will now let users connect to things even if they don't want to "like" them. "We are making it so you can connect to anything you want. Now you don't have to like a book, you can just read a book," he said. "You don't have to like a movie; you can just watch a movie." □

to support its efforts to build more energy efficient and safer automobiles, with a lab devoted to developing new battery cells for EVs.

GE builds natural gas-fired generators for utilities, electric motors, advanced electric meters and electric car charging stations, all of which could be in higher demand if drivers buy electric cars. The company estimates the expanding market could bring it up to \$500 million in revenue over the next three years.

China, the world's biggest market for new vehicles, is seen as a promising market for electric vehicles because of its keenness on limiting its dependence on costly imports of crude oil and reducing severe pollution from auto emissions.

The government has made development of so-called "new energy" vehicles a key part of its current five-year economic plan, promising subsidies and billions of dollars in new investments. But spurring demand for electric and hybrid vehicles will hinge on providing the charging infrastructure, and bringing costs down to affordable levels, those working in the industry say. Thursday's agreement calls for the two big U.S. companies to coordinate work with government agencies on developing EV standards.

In August, GE Energy also announced a partnership with car rental company Hertz Corp. for advancing the rollout of EVs and charging stations in China. □

U.S. urges faster progress on carbon dioxide storage

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu says all countries need to embrace technologies for capturing and burying carbon dioxide pollution to counter climate change and increase energy production.

The U.S. is strongly committed to the process, known as carbon sequestration, and plans to have 10 commercial demonstration projects online by 2016 storing 16-17 million tons of carbon per year, Chu said Thursday following talks on the issue in Beijing.

"The energy and climate problems we face can't wait. We have to solve them we have to begin quickly and go further faster and make it more widespread," Chu said.

"Make carbon capture utilization and storage part of every country's economic development."

Stored carbon can also be commercially exploited to wring additional production out of depleted oil wells.

China is also pressing ahead with the technology and Science Minister Wan Gang said the next decade would be crucial for developing the technology's commercial viability. □



With Whitman, H-P gets star power, imperfect fit

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d SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Hewlett-Packard Co.'s decision to fire CEO Leo Apotheker after just 11 months and replace him with former eBay chief Meg Whitman is another dizzying turn of the executive merry-go-round at a company whose leadership issues are straining a sprawling technology empire.

Swapping Apotheker, who has now been ousted from two high-profile CEO jobs in two years, for Whitman is a decision designed to stem investor fury over a series of questionable strategy moves.

Apotheker was doomed by disappointing earnings and his fumbled announcement that HP's personal computer division is for sale. HP's chairman, Ray Lane, said the dismissal was caused by several factors. "You don't deliver a quarter, you don't deliver another quarter, then you make some important announcements that are communicated poorly — it was incremental," Lane



In this March 15, 2011 file photo, Hewlett Packard Company CEO Leo Apotheker, left, speaks during an interview in San Francisco, and in this Oct. 23, 2011 photo, Meg Whitman, right, (then) a republican candidate for Calif. Governor, campaigns at Saigon Kitchen, in San Jose, Calif. Hewlett-Packard is set to name Meg Whitman, the former eBay CEO and California candidate for governor, as its new CEO, according to published reports Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011. Whitman's appointment would be an embarrassing end to Leo Apotheker's 11-month stint as HP's CEO.

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said on a conference call. Whitman was on the call, but Apotheker was not. "Then you have to make the tough call of, how long do you go along with that? Do you help? Do you surround? Or do you replace?"

Whitman is a billionaire who is best known for the

decade she spent building eBay and her unsuccessful run last year for California governor.

Her star power could be an asset for a company that struggled to gain credibility under Apotheker, who was previously little-known outside of the business-software world. HP is no stranger to celebrity CEOs. But Carly Fiorina's run at the company's helm, from 1999 to 2005, ended in shambles.

Despite Whitman's success at eBay, she is untested when it comes to running

a company that is in as many businesses as HP. Another turnaround effort earlier in her career, at FTD, the iconic flower-delivery company, ended with Whitman quitting after two years and declaring that the company is "not fixable." Many analysts have said the same thing about HP in its current form.

On Thursday, she defended her predecessor's most controversial moves. She said a decision on PC division's fate will be made by

the end of the year.

Analysts are mixed about her prospects.

"She built up a one-trick pony, an online auction site, and she oversaw the growth of the company, but we are talking about a situation where someone needs to come in who has a technological background, an engineering and scientific background," said Steve Diamond, an associate professor at Santa Clara University School of Law. "And that is way outside of her skill set." Diamond said the decision to change CEOs so soon points to continued disarray on HP's board, long a target of critics for the chaos it's caused at one of Silicon Valley's oldest and largest companies. Infighting and ego-driven drama has long plagued the board, from revelations in 2006 that HP had spied on directors and journalists to ferret out the source of leaks, to last year's dismissal of CEO Mark Hurd in an ethics scandal.

"There's no question the board is off the rails — they need a smaller, tighter board that's committed to the idea of what the company does," Diamond said. "But they have a lot of people on the board from different industries." □

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Dow falls 391 on worldwide fears about global economy

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors began giving in to fears Thursday that a global recession is already under way, and stock markets shuddered around the world. Selling started in Asia, picked up speed in Europe and sent Wall Street near its worst finish of the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 391 points and at one point was down more than 500, a return to the volatility that gripped the market this summer. One financial indicator after another showed that investors are losing hope that the global economy can keep growing. The price of oil and metals such as copper, which depend on economic demand, fell sharply. Traders bought Treasury bonds and the dollar for safety. FedEx, a company that ships so many goods it is considered a barometer of the U.S. economy, had to lower its earnings forecast for the year because customers are putting off purchases of electronics and other gadgets from China.

The Dow fell 391.01 points, or 3.5 percent, and closed at 10,733.83. The selling was not just steep but broad: Nineteen stocks on the New

York Stock Exchange fell for every one that rose. At one point, the Dow was down more than 500 points.

"Markets rely on confidence and certainty. Right now there is neither," said John Canally, an economic strategist at LPL Financial, an investment firm in Boston.

It was the second consecutive rout in the stock market since Wednesday afternoon, when the Federal Reserve announced a change in strategy for fighting the economic slowdown — a bid to lower long-term interest rates and get people and companies to spend more money. Economic news was bad around the world. A closely watched survey in Europe indicated a recession could be on the way there, and a manufacturing survey suggested a slowdown in China, which has been one of the hottest economies.

"The probability of going back into recession is higher now than at any point in the recovery," said Tim Quinlan, an economist at Wells Fargo. He put his odds of a recession at 35 percent. Christine Lagarde, the head of the International Monetary Fund, said the world economy was "entering a dangerous phase."

She told an annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank that nations need credible plans to get their debt under control.

In the United States, investors poured money into American government debt, which they see as less risky than stocks even as the nation wrestles with how to tame its long-term budget problems.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit 1.71 percent — the lowest since the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis started keeping daily records half a century ago. It was 3.66 percent as recently as February, when the economic forecast was brighter.

Yields fall as investors buy bonds and send their prices higher. Small yields are a sign that investors are just looking for a safe place to park their cash.

"They want to get their money back," said Guy LeBas, chief fixed income strategist at Janney Capital Markets. "How much they earn is secondary."

Besides U.S. bonds, investors bought American dollars. The dollar rose to an eight-month high against the euro because of fears that Europe, staggered by debt, will bear the worst of a global downturn.

BRICS offer vague support for global economy

WASHINGTON (AP)

Leading emerging markets countries said Thursday they are ready to act through the International Monetary Fund and other financial institutions to help stabilize the world economy. However, the finance chiefs of the so-called BRICS — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa — did not provide any details on what that support could look like in practice. "The BRICS are open to consider, if necessary, providing support through the IMF or other international financial insti-

tutions in order to address the present challenges to global financial stability, depending on individual country circumstances," the finance ministers and central bank presidents of the five countries said in a joint statement on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund.

Emerging markets in general have weathered the financial crisis much better than developed economies. Some of the struggling countries in the eurozone such as Italy, Spain

and Portugal have looked to states like China or Brazil to buy their bonds or invest in local enterprises. However, so far, commitments to provide support have been vague, with analysts saying that actual investments remained limited. Over the past few years, emerging markets have faced very different problems from industrialized nations like the U.S. and European countries. Their currencies have surged in value — triggering some of them to intervene in currency markets — and inflation has shot up. □



The screen on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange at the closing bell reflects a DOW loss of 389.39 points, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011, in New York.

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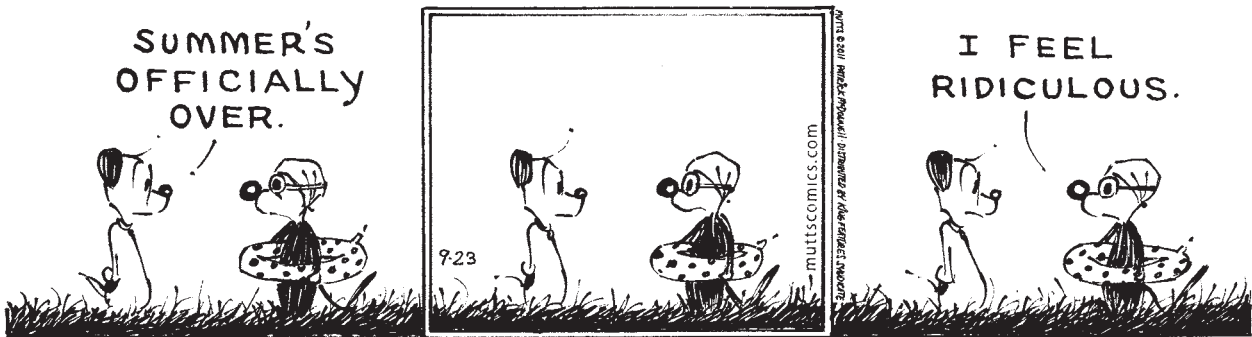
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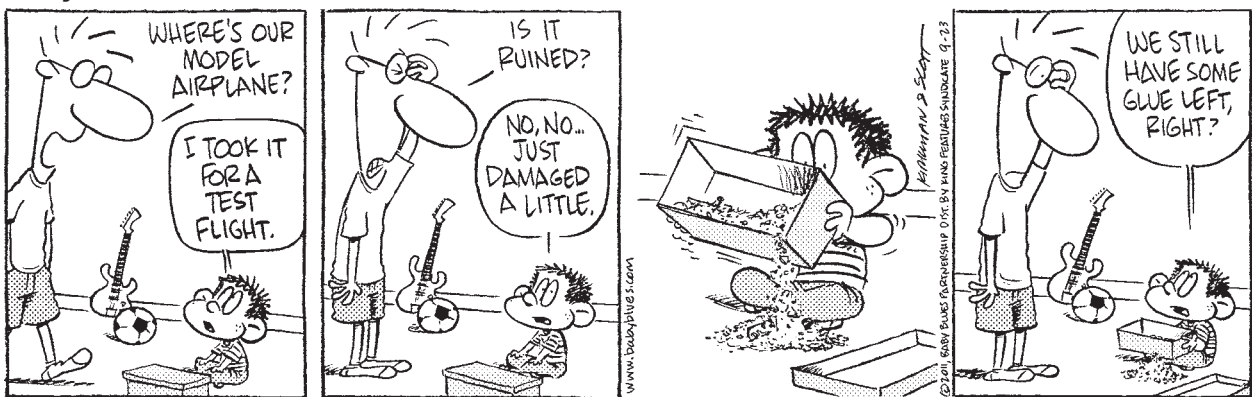
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	1	5	4	9	7	2	6	3
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6	9	4	8	3	2	1	5	7

ACROSS

- 1 Farm storage tower
- 5 Prickly plants
- 10 Unconscious state
- 14 Cosmetics company
- 15 Go nowhere near
- 16 The "Iliad" or "Paradise Lost"
- 17 Speed contest
- 18 Bad behavior
- 20 Pen contents
- 21 Tush
- 22 ___ up; relaxes
- 23 Sir ___ John
- 25 Mayo container
- 26 Full of tiny holes
- 28 Protestant clergyman
- 31 Burr or Spelling
- 32 Glasses, for short
- 34 Skillet
- 36 Sitting on
- 37 Talk
- 38 Short note
- 39 Greek letter
- 40 Acrobatic feat
- 41 "___ Johnny!"; McMahon's line
- 42 Slow-cooking BBQ chamber
- 44 Ailment
- 45 Dice spot
- 46 Pullman bed
- 47 ___ class; elite
- 50 At any ___; regardless
- 51 Night bird
- 54 Artist's tool
- 57 "Aloha State" banquet
- 58 Eye flirtatiously
- 59 Bose product
- 60 "Say it ___ so!"
- 61 At no time, to a poet
- 62 Make right
- 63 Singer Seeger

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Indian woman's garment
- 2 Lendl of tennis

- 3 Athlete's dressing area
- 4 Small bill
- 5 Carved brooches
- 6 Of birds
- 7 Expense
- 8 Facial twitch
- 9 Wedding words
- 10 Lebanon trees
- 11 Musical work
- 12 Small rodents
- 13 Play divisions
- 19 Approaches
- 21 Astonish
- 24 Closed circle
- 25 Car raiser
- 26 Early host of "The Tonight Show"
- 27 Solemn vows
- 28 Moss type
- 29 The Met, e.g.
- 30 "A Boy ___ Sue"; Cash hit
- 32 Incite; goad
- 33 Pigsty
- 35 Snooping
- 37 Ladder rung

- 38 Thaw
- 40 Mini or midi
- 41 Jackrabbit
- 43 Can ___; lid remover
- 44 Way of doing things
- 46 Sink
- 47 Beginning with
- 48 Messenger
- 49 Stack
- 50 Impolite
- 52 Desire
- 53 Guitar of old
- 55 Two-cup undergarment
- 56 Ewe's mate
- 57 Sassiness

Today In History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, September 23, the 266th day of 2011. There are 99 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1518 - During the reign of Great Britain's King Henry VIII, the Royal College of Physicians is established to protect citizens from medical charlatans and quacks.
1642 - Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, holds its first commencement.

1817 - Spain signs treaty with Britain to end slave trade.

1846 - The planet Neptune is discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

1942 - The Russians launch a counterattack against the Germans in Stalingrad after being reinforced by troops that had crossed the Volga. More than 2,000 Germans are killed.

1951 - United Nations forces capture "Heartbreak Ridge" in Korea from Communists.

1952 - U.S. Republican vice-presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon delivers his "Checkers" speech on TV to refute allegations of improper campaign financing.

1956 - Britain and France submit Suez Canal dispute to U.N. Security Council.

1957 - Romania's request to join Balkan Pact is refused by Greece; Nine black students who entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas withdraw because of a white mob outside.

1967 - The Soviet Union pledges to send military and economic assistance to North Vietnam, including aircraft, ground-to-air missiles and rocket equipment.

1972 - President Ferdinand Marcos declares martial law in the Philippines. It lasts



Today is Ray Charles' birthday

for more than eight years.

1973 - Juan Peron is elected for his third and last presidential term in Argentina.

1978 - Egypt's President Anwar Sadat returns home to hero's welcome after Camp David summit that resulted in agreement on framework for peace with Israel.

1980 - The U.N. Security Council calls on Iran and Iraq "to desist from all armed activities forthwith and to settle their dispute by peaceful means." Meanwhile, the U.S. and Soviet Union declare neutrality in the conflict.

1986 - A force of about 50 armed dissidents infiltrates the Togolese capital of Lome in an attempt to topple President Gnassingbe Eyadema's government. They are defeated by the military.

1990 - Saddam Hussein says he will destroy Israel and launch an all-out war before allowing the U.N. embargo to "strangle" Iraq.

1991 - Iraqi soldiers detain U.N. officials in Baghdad and forcibly confiscate documents showing Iraq had been developing nuclear weapons.

1992 - France's deadliest storm in 34 years kills at

least 32 people.

1993 - The South African parliament approves a law giving blacks their first official say in the running of the country, authorizing the creation of a transitional executive council before the first universal elections.

1994 - The U.N. Security Council eases sanctions on Yugoslavia for 100 days after Serbia promises to support a peace plan for Bosnia and accept civilian monitoring of the Serbian-Bosnian border.

1995 - Gunmen in Mexico ambush a squad of policemen outside a village in southern Guerrero state, killing four officers and wounding five.

1996 - A typhoon batters China's Hainan Island, leaving at least 38 people dead and 96 missing.

1997 - Armed men raid an Algerian village, shooting or stabbing to death at least 200 people and wounding 100 others.

1998 - Hurricane Georges reaches Cuba and threatens the Florida Keys after causing widespread damage in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

1999 - Violent protests continue in Jakarta for a second day as police struggle to contain crowds enraged by the passage of a bill giving the military power to revoke civil liberties in Indonesia.

2000 - Military troops use cannon to pound areas of the Philippine island of Jolo where two groups of Muslim rebels were seen fleeing with hostages.

2003 - An Indian court sentences one man to death by hanging and 12 others to life in prison for killing a Christian missionary from Australia and his two young sons in an arson attack in 1999.

Today's Birthdays:

Augustus Caesar, first Roman emperor (63 B.C.-14 A.D.); John De Witt, Dutch statesman (1625-1672); Raymond Chandler, U.S. writer (1888-1959); Haile Selassie I, emperor of Ethiopia (1892-1975); Mickey Rooney, U.S. actor-entertainer (1920--); Ray Charles, U.S. singer-composer (1932-2004); Julio Iglesias, Spanish singer (1943--); Bruce Springsteen, U.S. rock singer (1949--); Ani DiFranco, U.S. singer (1970--).

Thought For Today:

Each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it — George Orwell (Eric Blair), British author (1903-1950). □

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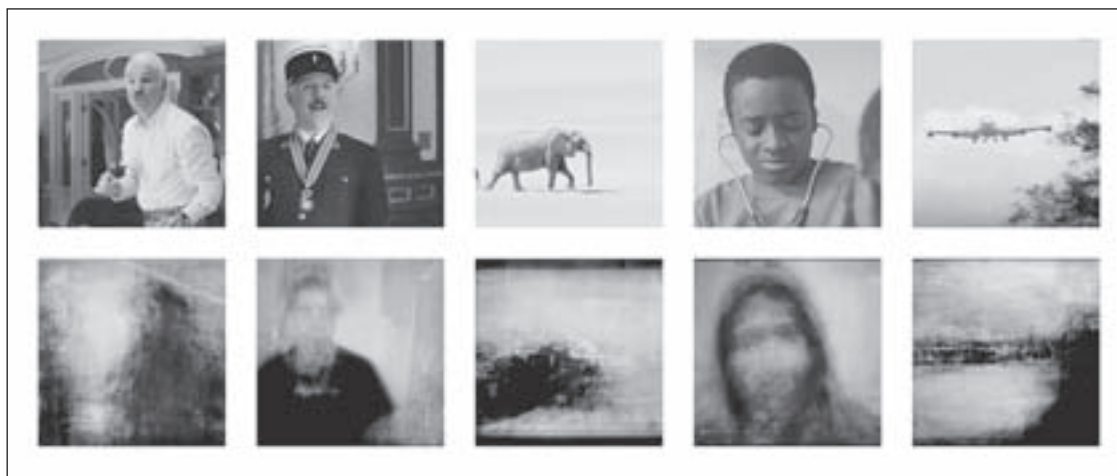
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He believes such a technique could eventually reconstruct a dream or other made-up mental movie.



Associated Press

The paper reports results

The reconstructions are blends of the YouTube snippets, which makes them blurry. Some are better than others. □

Grohl, Novoselic reminisce about 'Nevermind'

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's been 20 years since the release of Nirvana's "Nevermind." The album, which included cultural anthems like "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "Come As You Are," marked the beginning of the alternative rock explosion of the 1990s and transformed drummer Dave Grohl, bassist Krist Novoselic and singer-guitarist Kurt Cobain into the posterboys of Generation X, until Cobain's suicide in 1994.

On a recent afternoon inside 606 Studio, the sprawling headquarters for Grohl's band Foo Fighters, Grohl and Novoselic, while slumped on a couch near the same soundboard that they used to record "Nevermind," reminisced with pro-

ducer Butch Vig about how they made the album that forever changed their lives and the music world. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of "Nevermind," which has sold more than 30 million copies worldwide, Universal is reissuing the remastered album Sept. 27 with various special editions. Bonus material includes obscure B-sides, alternate mixes, live recordings and video of the band's 1991 Halloween concert at Seattle's Paramount Theatre. A limited super deluxe edition features rehearsal recordings captured on a boombox ("It was in the bottom of a box of stuff that was gonna get thrown out," Novoselic recalls) and the original unused "Nevermind" mixes that Vig hoarded until the group began planning for the album's anniversary last year.



Deceased Nirvana lead singer/lead guitarist Kurt Cobain.

AP: What was your a-ha-

moment when you realized that "Nevermind" had become bigger than you? Grohl: I'd say "Saturday Night Live." Being asked to be on "SNL" was without a doubt that moment for me. That's when I thought, "Oh my God. We're one of THOSE bands now." Then, in the dressing room, that's when (expletive) "Weird Al" Yankovic calls and asks if he can do a parody of "Smells Like Teen Spirit." That was a weird weekend. That was it for me. Novoselic: It was shocking to be famous. I bought a house to deal with it. Then, of course, there was Kurt, who was thrust into being the spokesman of a generation. That was hard for him. He had some personal things going on that were happening just as fast. He was in a whirlwind. Kurt didn't necessarily identify with Generation X or mainstream values. AP: What was it like going back and listening to "Nevermind" after all these years? Vig: It's still out there. It's om-

nipresent, but this is the first time I've listened to from a critical perspective. The remastering sounds great. The album holds up really well. It's timeless. I think part of that is because



Krist Novoselic, left, and Dave Grohl, center, former members of the band Nirvana, pose with Butch Vig, producer of the band's landmark 1991 album "Nevermind," poses in Los Angeles. A 20th anniversary edition of the album will be released on Sept. 27.

the songs are really good. The production isn't gimmicky. It's just bass, drums and guitar. There's not any sort of trendy sound. Grohl: "Nevermind" represents more than just an album with music on it to me. It was a specific, exciting time in my life. Personally, my life is split by the release of that album. My entire life is pre-"Nevermind" and post-"Nevermind." When it came out, my whole (expletive) world was changed forever. There's something about the innocence of it all. AP: How do you think music has changed since "Nevermind" was released? Grohl: Honestly, if you look at what was going on back then, outside of technology, all of that stupid (expletive) that was going on is still going on today. You've got stupid shows on TV to make people famous so they can sell records. The top 10 is full of crap. It's the same (expletive). You've got all these rock bands trying to make it in a van somewhere. Vig: With information moving so fast, the whole world has A.D.D. You only grab onto something for a second before you discard it. When "Nevermind" happened, it was still a slower time. That record really took off from a grass-roots level. □

Mandy Moore also tours for her causes

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CINCINNATI (AP) — Besides her careers as a singer-songwriter and actress, Mandy Moore has quietly carved out another role as spokeswoman for global humanitarian efforts such as clean water and fighting malaria, taking her to remote villages in African countries and, this week, to the Clinton Global Initiative meeting in New York. Part of a crop of teen female singing stars that rose a decade ago, Moore explained in an interview with the Associated Press that

a water-filtering product made by Procter & Gamble, helped make dirty water drinkable on one of her Africa trips. "She was very moving, talking about her own experiences," said P&G's Greg Allgood, who heads the consumer product maker's not-for-profit safe drinking water program. "She expresses herself better than a scientist like me. I can talk about the parasites; she talks about it from a very human perspective." Moore also "draws a whole new audience" to humanitarian causes, Allgood said,



Actress Mandy Moore is seen in the crowd as she listens to President Barack Obama delivers remarks at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

her work for such causes as helped keep her life in the entertainment world in context. "It gives me balance and perspective," she said by telephone from New York. "It's sort of given me an understanding of the other side of my job — that it gives me the platform and reach that I can continue to spread the word on issues that I'm passionate about. They sort of go hand-in-hand." Moore, now 27, has since 2008 voluntarily represented Population Services International, a Washington-based organization, in its child survival programs. She has helped launch and raise money for initiatives to help the organization provide insecticide-treated mosquito nets for children with malaria, anti-tuberculosis efforts, and for providing clean water. On Wednesday night, she recounted seeing how Pur,

adding: "My daughter thought it was pretty cool." "I feel it shouldn't even be an issue; all of as human beings should have access to clean water," Moore said. "Unfortunately, that's the not the case for many people in the world." She recalled a Sudanese man pointing to silt and other contaminants filtered out by the Pur packets and saying: "That stuff is in our bellies." Moore has also traveled to Cameroon and the Central African Republic for PSI, and has volunteered time for other causes such as promoting cervical cancer education for the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation and GlaxoSmithKline. "I think it's our responsibility as individuals to effect change in whatever big or small contribution we can find time to do," she said. "I'm proud that, I think, I'm part of a generation that is socially conscious. □

At 19, Demi Lovato is now in control of Demi

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NEW YORK (AP) — As Demi Lovato was spiraling out of control, struggling with an eating disorder, self-mutilation and other problems, there were members of her team who knew she was hurting herself but did nothing to stop it.

So she fired them.

"I've had to let a few people go just because I know that my (best) interest wasn't in their hearts," she said in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Along with her core management, Lovato feels she has a good group of people around her now as she rebounds from the troubles that forced her off the Jonas Brothers' South American tour last year and into rehabilitation. She also left "Sonny With a Chance," the Disney Channel show that catapulted her to stardom.

The 19-year-old is entering a new chapter in her life. She released her third

album, "Unbroken," this week, a departure lyrically and sonically for the former child star: She sings about champagne on "In Real Life," there's the semi-racy tune, "Who's That Boy" and the R&B-number "My Love Is Like a Star."

There also is the lead single and Billboard Top 10 hit "Skyscraper," which Lovato calls her "cry for help" when she went through physical and emotional struggles.

The Associated Press: So things are good with your team now?

Lovato: Now I have people around me that at the sign of anything, they say something and they speak up and they are no longer afraid to say, "Hey, maybe you shouldn't be doing this" because they're afraid of losing their job or something like that.

I think that's what goes wrong in a lot of people's careers: so many people are afraid to say, "This person has a problem" or "This person maybe shouldn't do this" because they're afraid of losing their jobs.

AP: Are you still in therapy?



In this Sept. 20, 2011 photo, actress and singer Demi Lovato is shown in New York during an interview to promote her third album, "Unbroken."

(AP Photo/John Carucci)

Lovato: Yeah, definitely. It's a daily thing. It's a daily battle. I check in with many, many people every single day. I have a very strong treatment team and it's actually kind of overwhelming sometimes to have that many people just focused on you and your problems.

AP: Is it easy to talk about your issues in public?

Lovato: Well, from day one, when I left the treatment center and when I was in there, we basically said, me and my team, there's no reason to lie about anything. Things are going to come out anyways, so if you're honest about it, you beat the tabloids to the chase, and that way there's no other stupid rumors that are flying around about you of why you're in there or whatever. A lot of people thought I was in there for drugs and alcohol, and I was in there for an eating disorder and cutting. So as hard as it was for me to come out and say like, "This is why I'm really in here," I wanted to set the record straight.

AP: Is it harder dealing with rehab and those issues

since you are a celebrity?

Lovato: I don't think it's harder. To me, it's more rewarding for me to speak about these issues and know that I'm possibly making a difference in someone's life. And it holds me more accountable. I feel like I'm held more accountable to stay healthy now because now I'm a role model to young girls to not have eating issues and to not say, "Hey, it's OK to starve yourself" or "It's OK to throw up after your meals" — that's not OK.

AP: How does it feel to release your third album?

Lovato: It feels so good. I'm so excited.

It's like giving birth to a child, kind of. It's like I've created this thing. I feel like it's my little baby and here I am showing it to the world, so I feel like in a way it's my birthday.

AP: How has your voice changed over the years?

Lovato: I've seen my voice change a bunch, especially over this past year, because I'm not doing things that are damaging my vocal chords that much anymore. □

Crowe's fan-friendly Pearl Jam documentary

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In "Pearl Jam Twenty," Cameron Crowe's fan-friendly retrospective documentary of the band, the long-haired glory of the early 1990s' Seattle rock scene is in full display. There are certainly more astute observations to make about the film and the band, but nevertheless: My, the hair.

It's a reminder that the early '90s was indeed a long time ago. This was when guitars were still fashionable, selling-out was a concern for bands (today, simply selling is the real worry), MTV was a force in music, and it was all happening in Seattle.

There's a lot of nostalgia for the era going around, and "Pearl Jam Twenty" (which is being released in theaters but will air on PBS in October) comes at the same time as 20th anniversary feting of "Nevermind," the opus from Seattle's other '90s legend: Nirvana.

Whereas Nirvana's story is brief and tragic, Pearl Jam's is long and largely heart-warming.

Crowe has a history with the band, having been a music journalist (an occupation he chronicled in his "Almost Famous") and a Seattle resident around the time Pearl Jam formed. His "Singles" (1992) depicted the grunge scene of Seattle and even included a memorable cameo from Pearl Jam. □



In this image released by Abramorama, a scene is shown from the film called "Pearl Jam Twenty."

(AP Photo/Abramorama)

Rio prepares for Rock in Rio again

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil is getting ready for the return of Rock in Rio, an extravaganza headlined by Elton John, Katy Perry and Shakira that is billed as the world's biggest music festival.

The festival that opens Friday also includes Rihanna, Stevie Wonder, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Metallica, Guns N' Roses and Coldplay, performing before an audience expected to total some 700,000 by the time it closes on Oct. 2.

The festival began in Rio de Janeiro in January 1985. The military dictatorship that had governed Brazil for two decades had just ended, and 1.4 million people showed up to celebrate their newfound freedom at a concert that brought international attractions like Queen and AC/DC to Brazil for the first time.

It was held twice more in Rio before moving to Portugal and Spain, where six festivals were held between 2004 and 2010.

The new event will take place at a 37-acre (150,000 square meter) City of Rock, which has two stages, a New Orleans-themed jazz street and a 100-foot (28-meter) Ferris wheel in western Rio de Janeiro. □

A few words with Iran's president



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Before sparks began flying between me and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, he began my interview with an unusual olive branch: "I would like to, with your permission, greet all of your readers as well as Web viewers and wish all of them the success and blessings of the Almighty." Ahmadinejad is a complex, even bizarre, figure. A firebrand with a penchant for making explosive public statements, he is small in person, subdued and very soft-spoken. Even when I pushed him hard on human rights abuses and nuclear deceptions, he responded in even tones while claiming that Iran is manifestly more democratic than the United States.

Another olive branch came hours after our conversation with the release of the two American hikers who had been imprisoned unjustly for two years in Iran. Ahmadinejad didn't even attempt to suggest that they were spies, but he bristled at my questions about them. He claimed that they had entered Iran illegally and would have merited punishment in any country.

This was Ahmadinejad's only print interview on his visit to the U.N. General Assembly, and he made a significant effort to be friendly and conciliatory. Most important, he repeated an offer made in a Washington Post interview this month to stop all nuclear enrichment if the West would supply nuclear fuel enriched to a 20 percent level. He insisted that Iran will happily give up its enrichment processing if it can get this enriched uranium for "cancer treatment medication."

"If they were willing to sell us the 20 percent enriched uranium, we would have preferred to buy it," he said. "It would have been far less expensive. It's as though you wish to purchase a vehicle for yourself. No one is willing to sell it to you, then you must set up your own production line to produce your own vehicle." This sounds very much like an incipient

deal that Ahmadinejad initially welcomed two years ago but was later scotched by the country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The chief of Iran's nuclear program, Fereydoon Abbasi, seemed to reiterate recently that any such deal was dead. But when I raised those points, Ahmadinejad insisted that there had never been any daylight between himself and the supreme leader on the nuclear issue and that Abbasi was not opposed today. When I asked skeptically if Ahmadinejad spoke for the full Iranian leadership, there was a flash of resentment at the question. He insisted that he did, indeed, have full authority.

Is this a real offer to stop all enrichment? I don't know, but it's worth it for the West to pursue it – without easing sanctions in the meantime. One question is how the West could verify an end to enrichment. I asked Ahmadinejad about that and noted Iran's history of deceptions.

"We have done nothing wrong," he said, denying sharply that his country had hidden anything.

Ahmadinejad called for Syria, his ally, to stop its violent crackdown on protesters, cautioning that "with clashes and confrontations problems will not be solved. They will be multiplied."

Oh? What's the difference with Ahmadinejad's own harsh crackdown on dissidents?

"In Iran, things were quite different," he insisted, a bit testy. Many of the dead in Iran were members of security forces, he claimed, suggesting that protesters were not deliberately targeted.

I asked Ahmadinejad what he thought when he saw the famous photos of a young woman, Neda Agha-Soltan, lying on the ground and bleeding to death after she had been shot in the chest.

A hint of sadness crossed Ahmadinejad's face. I thought, for a moment, that he was going to apologize. Instead, he constructed his own reality: He suggested that she had been murdered by his opponents, working with the BBC, as part of a bizarre snuff film.

"We do search for those who are truly guilty of murdering this young lady," he said.

Our interview became more confrontational, and we tussled over Iran's repression of the Bahai faith and other human rights issues. Ahmadinejad's minders were signaling that the interview was ending, but he seemed to enjoy the give-and-take and ignored them. □



Deer hunts and dirt bikes



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Paul Ryan may not be running for president this time around, but if you have any doubt about his ambitions for a long, prominent future in government, just look at his comments in a Q&A published in Sunday's Times. They're a minor masterpiece of image calibration.

In the span of two dozen sentences, Ryan, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, mentioned the Bible, or rather a beginner's version of it, which he said he was reading aloud to his 6-year-old son. He mentioned his truck and his appetite for hard rock, thus establishing automotive and musical affinities that balance his wonkier, number-crunching bona fides. He mentioned hunting – with a bow, no less. Then came the capper. He mentioned his talent for what I'd like to call venison charcuterie, just because he so clearly wouldn't. "I butcher my own deer, grind the meat, stuff it in casings and then smoke it," he said, making clear that Sarah Palin in all her moose-eviscerating glory has nothing on him.

And thus his self-portrait as an outside-the-Beltway guy's guy

with grime (and maybe guts) under his fingernails was complete, and he had discharged one of the more ridiculous obligations of the contemporary politician. He had asserted that he was just like the rest of us, even though there's no such thing as one uniform us and if there were, it would be buying its Bambi sausages in bulk at Costco.

Will American politics ever get away from this crazy contest in which the players strive to out-ordinary one another, distancing themselves from any whiff of privilege and trying to project a woodsy, folksy, flannel essence?

The relationship between lifestyle and political priorities is at best oblique: You really can't judge how politicians will govern by whether they hunt or windsurf, frolic in the Texas brush or the Martha's Vineyard sand, favor corn dogs or arugula. And that was suggested by another, different glimpse of Ryan on Sunday. He appeared on Fox News to defend millionaires and decry President Barack Obama's proposed tax increase on them as "class warfare."

Still, candidates labor mightily to come down on the fried and unfussy end of things, lest they seem out of touch and be deemed unable to relate. Remember that sequence of Jon Huntsman ads? The ones counting down the days to his presidential announcement? They showed a helmeted man zooming on a dirt bike through Monument Valley and introduced him as someone who "rides motocross to relax" and played in a rock band called Wizard. Not a word about Huntsman's considerable

wealth, a legacy of the family business. Not a word about his ability to speak Mandarin.

Meanwhile supporters of Mitt Romney have found themselves in the awkward position of insisting that the expansion of his reportedly \$12 million beach house in California – not his primary residence – isn't an extravagance, because the house has just two or three bedrooms, depending on how you count. Those must be some bedrooms.

Romney shuns neckties and hones a populist touch. He joked with voters in Florida that inasmuch as a presidential campaign is a surreally drawn-out job application, he, too, knew something about being unemployed. And he has taken to Twitter to inform the electorate that he had breakfast at Subway and flew Southwest Airlines.

While such atmospheric are almost compulsory, they're also sad. Romney's affluence largely reflects his business success, which is more asset than liability and needn't be played down. And his principal flaw isn't the thread count of his sheets. It's the high count of his ever changing positions over time.

His advantages in life don't mean he can't think about social welfare. It was Romney, remember, who in Massachusetts spearheaded the template for federal health care reform.

For that matter, Obama's childhood disadvantages don't mean that the less fortunate will flourish under him. That certainly hasn't happened so far. The downturn has taken its greatest toll on the poor. □

Milan fashion features feminine pleated styles

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MILAN (AP) — Muted shades, light, airy fabrics and demure knee-length hemlines have emerged as trends for next spring and summer at Milan Fashion Week.

Perhaps even fashion designers are feeling cowed by the constant grim economic forecasts, but according to the shows Thursday next summer won't be loud and brash. On the

bana's second line. With a younger audience, the designing duo worked with patterned silk scarves to create bold looks that fit any any seaside destination.

PRADA

Miuccia Prada dipped into her fantasy land grab bag — which served her well for menswear in June — coming up with cartoon prints, wooly rose embroidery and flame-spewing heels.



A model wears a creation part of the D&G women's Spring-Summer 2012 collection that was presented in Milan, Italy, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

contrary, there is something enduring about the collections being previewed in Milan: This is fashion that can transcend not only occasions but seasons, wearing well into the Indian-summer temperatures of fall. Max Mara offered sporty and yet tailored look just right for the Hamptons crowd. Breaking the mold was D&G — Dolce and Gab-

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

The main theme was the car, from the motor revving music to the exhaust flame prints and large and small vintage cars, which decorated many of the outfits and handbags. The outfits were ladylike, with silk pleated skirts and matching pleated tops, demurely printed blouses, and summer coats decorated with wooly roses. A leather pencil skirt embroi-



A model wears a creation part of the D&G women's Spring-Summer 2012 collection that was presented in Milan, Italy, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

dered with a large convertible car is sure to be the hit of the season.

The Prada color palette is soft and feminine: yellow, beige, sky blue and wine red, the latter two often combined to create a soft olden days effect.

The outfits all had a proper hemline — just below or above the knee — except for a series of chaste beauty queen 1950s swim suits, which translated into trendy day or nighttime silk outfits.

D&G

D&G attempted a response to a burning fashion question: how many ways can one wear the humble scarf?

Start with a tight minidress that appeared to be fashioned out of four distinct scarves tied on the side and overlapping — though they are expertly stitched together.

Then there was a loose blouse over a short skirt, a bandeau top paired with balloon shorts and short one-piece playsuits, and long skirts with handkerchief hemlines.

For evening, Dolce and Gabbana added sequins, and for relaxed afternoons there were touches of denim. Colors, of course, were bold and clashing. The collection was decidedly summer and fun, and light enough to pack off for a weekend at the beach or fancy port.

D&G even made platform

shoes using scarves as straps. Broad-brimmed raffia hats tied with scarves protected wearers from the sun. Perhaps the scarves were a way of bidding

adieu to D&G fans. This was the last standalone preview for the second line, which going forward will be incorporated into the main collection. □



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